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UP TRAINS

STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 2 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 4 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 6 A.M.	No. 7 P.M.	No. 8 P.M.	No. 9 P.M.	No. 10 P.M.	No. 11 P.M.	No. 12 P.M.	No. 13 P.M.	No. 14 P.M.	No. 15 P.M.
Kowloon Dep.	8.40	8.05	8.30	9.05	9.15	10.00	12.10	1.15	2.25	2.50	4.30	5.40	7.35	8.45	9.55
Yanmat Dep.	8.49	8.14	8.39	9.14	9.24	10.09	12.19	1.24	2.34	3.00	4.40	5.50	7.44	8.54	10.04
Shatin Dep.	7.01	7.26	7.51	8.26	8.36	10.21	12.31	1.36	2.46	3.12	4.52	6.02	7.56	9.06	10.16
Taipei Dep.	7.15	7.40	8.05	8.40	8.50	10.35	12.45	1.50	3.00	3.26	5.06	6.16	8.10	9.20	10.30
Market Dep.	7.20	7.45	8.10	8.45	8.55	10.40	12.50	2.00	3.10	3.36	5.16	6.26	8.20	9.30	10.40
Fanning Dep.	7.30	7.55	8.20	8.55	9.05	10.50	13.00	2.10	3.20	3.46	5.26	6.36	8.30	9.40	10.50
Shuang-shui Dep.	7.35	8.00	8.25	9.00	9.10	10.55	13.05	2.15	3.25	3.51	5.31	6.41	8.35	9.45	10.55
Shum-chun Arr.	7.41	8.06	8.31	9.06	9.16	11.01	13.11	2.21	3.31	3.57	5.37	6.47	8.41	9.51	11.01
Canton Arr.	7.45	8.10	8.35	9.10	9.20	11.05	13.15	2.25	3.35	4.01	5.41	6.51	8.45	9.55	11.05

DOWN TRAINS

STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 2 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 4 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 6 A.M.	No. 7 P.M.	No. 8 P.M.	No. 9 P.M.	No. 10 P.M.	No. 11 P.M.	No. 12 P.M.	No. 13 P.M.	No. 14 P.M.	No. 15 P.M.
Canton Dep.	8.10	8.35	9.00	9.35	9.45	11.20	13.30	2.40	3.50	4.16	5.56	7.06	8.50	10.00	11.10
Shum-chun Dep.	8.15	8.40	9.05	9.40	9.50	11.25	13.35	2.45	3.55	4.21	6.01	7.11	8.55	10.05	11.15
Shuang-shui Dep.	8.20	8.45	9.10	9.45	9.55	11.30	13.40	2.50	4.00	4.26	6.06	7.16	9.00	10.10	11.20
Fanning Dep.	8.30	8.55	9.20	9.55	10.05	11.40	13.50	3.00	4.10	4.36	6.16	7.26	9.10	10.20	11.30
Market Dep.	8.40	9.05	9.30	10.05	10.15	11.45	14.00	3.10	4.20	4.46	6.26	7.36	9.20	10.30	11.40
Taipei Dep.	8.45	9.20	9.45	10.20	10.30	12.00	14.10	3.15	4.25	4.51	6.31	7.41	9.25	10.35	11.45
Shatin Dep.	8.55	9.30	9.55	10.30	10.40	12.10	14.20	3.25	4.35	5.01	6.41	7.51	9.35	10.45	11.55
Yanmat Dep.	9.04	9.29	9.54	10.29	10.39	12.09	14.29	3.34	4.44	5.10	6.50	8.00	9.44	10.54	12.04
Kowloon Arr.	8.17	8.42	9.07	9.42	9.52	11.17	13.27	2.37	3.47	4.13	5.53	7.03	8.47	9.57	11.07

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FORMER AMBASSADOR SPEAKS HIS MIND.

THE LIMITATION OF NAVAL ARMAMENTS.

[In the following article written especially for the United Press Association Mr. Masanoe
Hanihara, leading Japanese diplomat and one time ambassador in Washington, discusses frankly
Japan's aspirations in the forthcoming Five Power Naval Conference which is to assemble in
London late in January. It is noteworthy that Mr. Hanihara stresses Japan's friendship for the
United States, while stating with equal frankness the fact the Japanese people have not forgotten
the so-called "Anti-Japanese clause" of the American immigration law.]

It is no secret that the American immigration issue is not a closed one in Japan, and
that Japanese will not consider it closed until their emigrants are placed on some sort of a quota
basis. Mr. Hanihara was ambassador in the United States when the law in question was adopted
by the American Congress.]

SUGGESTED REDUCTION OF EXISTING FLEETS.

[By MASANAO HANIHARA (Former Japanese Ambassador to the United States).]
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The people of Japan sincerely
wish for the success of the ap-
proaching London Naval Confer-
ence.

The writer does not profess to be
an expert on authority on the sub-
ject of naval armament, but he has
made inquiries to the best of his
ability of men whose opinion is
worth consulting and is satisfied
that the general sentiment of the
people of his country, on the more
important phases of the subject may
be summarized as follows:—

Relative Sizes.

1. Japan is strongly in favour
not only of limitation of naval
armament, but of its substantial
reduction, that is to say, of lowering
the standard of the existing max-
imum strength of all the naval
powers concerned.

2. Relative size and strength of
respective navies should be regulated
on the fundamental principle of
"sufficient to insure its own
national safety, but causing no
menace to that of others," which
Japan believes to be the only just
and reasonable standard of effect-
ing naval limitation. Self-preser-
vation is the first right and duty of
every nation. No nation can long
live in peace and happiness without
a feeling of national security and
ease. Every nation should be
allowed to provide reasonable
means for its defence according to
the circumstances in which it is
placed and at the same time it
should refrain from building
armaments which is a likely cause
for menace to the ease and repose
of others.

Japan demands to possess a navy
which would neither give menace to
others nor invite menace from
others. This inevitably brings up
the question of naval ratio. Japan
never has asked parity either with
the United States or Great Britain,
but is content with much lower
strength than either of the two, for
she has no aggressive purpose what-
ever.

All what she demands is to have
a strength reasonably sufficient to
give her a sense of self-assurance
in time of emergency which may
arise from causes she is in no way
responsible for.

Teeming Population.

Japan is essentially a maritime
Power, not by her seeking, but so
created by the facts of geography.
It is composed of a few small

islands, whose hearts are easily
penetrable from outside. A teem-
ing population inhabiting these
islands, whose shores are on all
directions open to external attack
by sea, are largely dependent for
their raw materials and food sup-
ply and for the markets for their
manufactured goods upon the good
will of countries bordering on the
vast Pacific Ocean, chiefly the
United States, China, British and
Dutch East Indies, Australia and
Russia.

It is thus evident that Japan
needs to have considerable auxil-
iary crafts in her navy to protect
these approaches and trade routes,
which are essential to her existence.
Unlike the people of a great coun-
try like the United States, who
have practically everything they
want within their own vast ter-
ritory, which is invulnerable from
the outside, the people of Japan
must live in constant fear and
anxiety unless provided with
adequate means of keeping these
avenues to their own shores un-
molested.

Besides Japan, unlike the United
States, is flanked by two great
continental Powers, who are any-
thing but friendly to her. It is
thus an obvious necessity for Japan
to be the best of terms with the
United States, who is her best
customer and one of the most im-
portant providers of raw materials
of which she stands so much in
need, to speak nothing of the extent
to which Japan is financially de-
pendent upon the United States.

Reasonable Ratio.

As stated before, Japan does not
even dream of having a navy equal
or near equal in strength to that
of either the United States or
Great Britain. She will be satis-
fied with a reasonable ratio which
will give her a sense of security,
but will cause no menace to other
Powers. Suppose the extreme case
of Japan being given nearly the
same ratio with the United States,
which is not likely at any moment
or under any circumstances, will
that give any serious menace to the
safety of the United States whose
resources in men and things are
practically limitless while those of
Japan are so easily exhaustible?

On the contrary if the United
States be given a slightly prepon-
derating ratio over that of Japan it
would surely hold the latter in a
state of perpetual obsession, if not

submission—a situation which the
American sense of justice and fair
play would not like to tolerate.
Furthermore the relations between
Japan and the United States are
on the best of terms to-day, and
there is no reason to think that
this would be otherwise in future.
At least there is no reason on the
side of Japan why her best en-
deavours should not be directed in
future as heretofore towards the
maintenance of these happy re-
lations.

It is true that Japan has one
grave grievance against the United
States. It is the unfriendly man-
ner, to say the least, in which the
American Congress treated the
decent and friendly approach of
Japan on the matter of non-dis-
crimination treatment of her people
as such.

Patiently Hoping.

Resenting as they do that un-
fortunate event, the Japanese peo-
ple are not foolish enough to regard
it as forming a *casus belli*. They
know that it was in no way due
to hostile intention of the American
people against their time-honoured
friend. Besides war will not settle
the question involved.

With that counsel in mind, the
Japanese people are patiently hop-
ing for the arrival of the day when
their implicit faith in the American
sense of justice and fairness will
be rewarded.

Sober consideration of these facts
and circumstances encourage us to
hope that the American public will
see justice in allowing a reasonable
ratio to Japan in the matter of
naval equipment. It is always
easier and more effective for the
stronger to yield if the great com-
mon end is to be served by mutual
agreement than for the weaker to
do so. It is not for a layman to
volunteer an opinion as to what
may be a reasonable and proper
ratio for Japan to be given.

But if such fundamental con-
siderations as I have outlined above
be properly weighed and under-
standing reached thereupon, it
would not be difficult for the states-
men and experts assembled in con-
ference to solve the question of
ratio so far as Japan is concerned.

3. As regards submarines the
general sentiment of Japan is op-
posed to their total abolition, but
is in favour of limiting their size
so as to make them available solely
for defensive purposes.

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Diary of Coming Events.

To-day,
(December 20.)

H.K. University Amateur Photo-
graphic Club Exhibition, 9 a.m.
Christian Fellowship Meeting,
Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.
H.K. Art Club Annual Exhibi-
tion, Mercantile Bank Building, 10
a.m.
Property Auction (53, Reclama-
tion St.) Lammerts, 3 p.m.
Unveiling of portrait of late Dr.
(Mrs.) A. D. Hickling, Tann Yuk
Hospital, 3 p.m.
Constituent Meeting of H.K.
Flying Club, City Hall, 4 p.m.
Cannon Street Conducts Confer-
ence for Ministers of Religion and
Educationalists, Cathedral Hall, 4
p.m.—4.30 p.m.
Peak School, annual prize giving
Peak Club, 5.15 p.m.
Annual Athletic Meeting, Yamma-
ti School, King's Park, 12.30 p.m.

Philharmonic Society presents
"The Geisha" Theatre Royal, 4.30
p.m. and 9.15 p.m.
Warwick Revue Company: "High
Lights," Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Broadway
Melody."
World Theatre: "The Terror."
Star Theatre: "Fortune Hun-
ter."
R.A.F. Carnival dance, Lane,
Crawford's Restaurant, 8 p.m.
St. Andrew's Club, Christmas
Social, St. Andrew's Church Hall,
8.45 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Penin-
sula Hotel, 5 p.m.
Dinner Dances: Peninsula Hotel
and Hong Kong Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
Tides: High, 2.05 p.m. and 11.54
p.m.; Low, 6.48 a.m. and 5.01 p.m.
Entertainments: "The Road to
Suez" (Khiva).

Saturday,
(December 21.)

China Light and Power Co., Ltd.,
11th ordinary general meeting St.
George's Building, 11.30 a.m.
Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanning.
Cricket: League, Div. I.: I.R.C.
v. Royal Navy, Div. I.: Police v.
R.A.S.C. Friendly, Div. I.:
K.C.C. v. University, Civil Service
v. Army, H.K.C.C.—Over 20 v.
Under 30, Div. II.: K.B.S.F.P.A.
v. I.R.C. University v. Kowloon,
R.A.O.C. v. Craigieflower, Recreation
v. Royal Artillery.
Football: Senior Division:
Somerset v. South China; Chinese
v. Royal Artillery; Recreation v. Kow-
loon. Junior Division: Club v.
Royal Artillery; St. Joseph's v.
South China "A"; Chinese "B" v.
K.O.S.B.; Kowloon v. Eastern;
Ewa v. Recreation, R.A.M.C.
Somerset.

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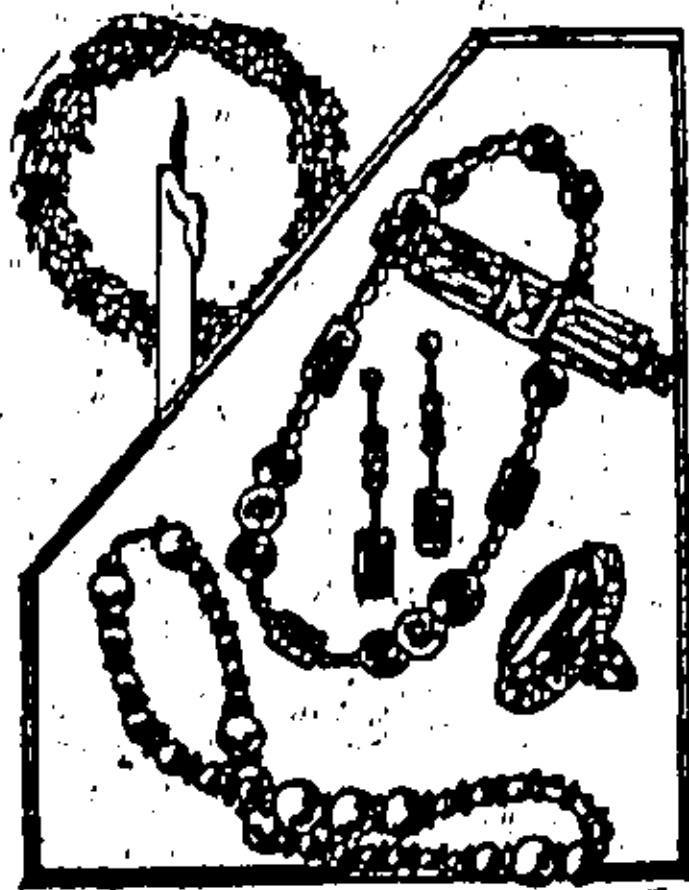
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WOMAN'S PAGE.

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LOVELY WINE TONES.

Pamela is showing a new collection
of hats in lovely wine shades. The
colours run from a tone like that
of a half ripe tomato to an almost
brown maroon. These hats are on
the whole larger than the average
and some of them, with quite de-
cided brims, are of the new stiffen-
ed felt. The draping of one claret
coloured felt stands out quite con-
siderably over the crown in a
fashion very becoming to an oval
face, another in a rather deeper
shade has a brim pushed up under-
neath over the forehead in a dis-
crete imitation of the directoire
bonnet.

A blocked felt also in claret
shade has a brim and a flat trim-
ming of velvet placed to the
left front of the crown.

Sealing wax red taupe felt is
trimmed with cut plumes of its
own material which cross in front
and give fullness over the temples.
A close fitting turban is made of
angora felt with quite a thick pile
in an orange tomato shade.

Very smart and new is a turban
of black felt trimmed with pin
tucks which run down to the ear
pieces where they develop into
spirals. The felt is cut well away
over the brow, the space down to
the eyebrows being filled in with
a close fitting veil of embroidered
black net.

And Some Coats.

Some lovely coats also in the
fashionable wine shades have been
designed for wear with these hats—
or perhaps *vice versa*. The mate-
rials are deliciously soft and light,
kashatulla, angora tweed, and a
marvellously fine stamped velour.
None of the coats, despite their
lavish fur collars and cuffs, weigh
more than the average knitted
jumper suit, and they are beauti-
fully lined with toning *crêpe de
chine*. Soft grey fur is the usual
trimming for the wine shades, but
a wonderful wrap of beige angora
tweed is trimmed with natural
curled kolinsky. The out of these
coats with their well fitting lines
are graceful swing is, perhaps,
their chief beauty.



WHAT YOU CAN SEE IN SOME LOCAL SHOPS.



INSPIRATION FROM THE ANIMAL WORLD.

Hats this winter are mainly in
snug little tight-fitting shapes to
fit the head closely, so that the
extra high fur collars of the
fashionable coats will stand up
round them easily.

The close-fitting little helmet with
the broad stripe right across it is
generally in two tones of the same
colour, for example, two coloured
taupe, honey coloured for the stripe,
a nigger brown for the two side
pieces. Taupe is much used in
Paris for hats now, and velvet has
"come back" as a hat material.
Toques and beret shapes are
made with loose soft folds so that
the draping can be changed by the
wearer to suit her mood. A kind
of watered velvet is sometimes used,
which gives the impression of a
fur, and taupe, which is a long-
haired felt, is shaven in parts to
give a shaded illusion.

Fashions seem to be gaining quite
a lot of inspiration from the animal
world now, with "ears" for hats
and "tails" for dresses, and the
stripes and zigzags which are the
vogue.

A great variety of shapes and
material abound just now in the
hat world, but the favoured colours
are, for the most part, demure and
are known as "fur" colours.
From the tawny colour of a red fox
fur through the mink shades to grey
squirrel and all the other furs;
then black—lots of black—in Paris
at any rate.

Fewer hat ornaments seem to
be, but one does see veils
occasionally, no short ones just to
cover the bridge of the nose, but
long ones falling loosely to two or
three inches below the chin, like
that Mary Pickford was wearing
when she arrived here a fortnight
ago. The newest thing of all is a
forehead veil reaching just to the
eyebrows and drawn tight over the
brow where the hat is cut away.

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lovely silks have been acquired for
the Christmas season.

I saw this week, for example,
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small designs, radium *crêpe* in all
colours and the new French colour
range in heavy weight georgette,
besides some most attractive printed
georgettes.

Silk stockings are a gift which
is always sure of a welcome and
you all find an unusually good selection
at the Pioneer. This week a
collection of handbags, in all the
new shapes, in printed leather has
come in, and any of these would
make an acceptable Christmas gift.
A wonderful present would be a
set of crystal jewellery, comprising
necklace, choker, ear-rings and
bracelets.

For men there are sets of hand-
kerchief, tie, and bow tie in print-
ed silk in very good designs and
colouring, also well cut pyjamas in
fuzzy and striped spun silk.

and very graceful skirt. Frills
appear again to make the skirt of
an apricot georgette evening gown
with a low hip line. The natural
tail is suggested by a little
skirting in front.

CHIC WITH ECONOMY SOME DELIGHTFUL FROCKS.

I want this week to give you a
few examples of the really wonder-
ful bargains which are to be got
during the Christmas sale at The
Attic. I am not going to quote
actual prices because Hong Kong is
only a small place and whereas we
may like to tell special friends
what we paid for our frocks one
does not want to publish it to all
the world. However, it can do no
harm to say that many of the even-
ing frocks are priced as low as
\$30 and of the afternoon dresses
and jumper suits even lower.

There is a very smart jumper
suit in last green *crêpe de chine*
with a plaited skirt hemmed with
grey. The jumper has a grey hem
too, and is ornamented with silk
braiding in the same tone. A navy
blue afternoon frock of *crêpe de
chine* is cut with the new long back
which allows a glimpse of the beige
inside of the hem. A beige vest and
a very pretty collar make this an
admirable dress for a woman who
is not as slender as she would like
to be. An older woman will, I
think, be charmed with a frock of
patterned white and grey *crêpe*
with a tailored vest of white and
crystal buttons.

Very unusually attractive is an
evening dress of sea green. The
bodice which is cut very short in
front, is of satin, the long full skirt
of *nylon*. There is an oval de-
colletage at the back and a V in
front. Plaited frills are used to
trim a charming afternoon frock
of navy blue *nylon*, with a full
skirting in front.

SILVER AND GOLD.

The Dolly Vardon Hat Shop has
some delightful small hats trimmed
with silver and antique metal
threads. They look particularly
well with fur coats, and are also
useful for evening wear to keep the
hair tidy, when journeying to
theatre or restaurant. One charm-
ing model is braided in blue and
silver, another braided with gold
and silver has a small brim of
stitched nigger satin. A small
shape in black felt has a piece of
solid silver thread lace applique
in front of the crown.

Among the new felts I was struck
with two or three models which
were trimmed with angora wool.
One in madonna blue has the
fashionable long back and a
stitchery of grey angora on the
crown. Another very chic black
felt with an upturned brim in
front, has two diamonds of white
angora stitchery and a small
buckle. Quite one of the most at-
tractive hats I have seen this sea-
son, and one which foreshadows
the next mode, is a cap of black
felt with a sharply upturned brim,
like an American sailor's cap. It is
drawn down over the right ear by
the weight of a large chrysanthem-
um flower made out of the felt.

I can think of no better Christ-
mas present than one of these smart
little theatre hats trimmed with
metal thread, unless it be a flower
posy in a decorative gift box, or a
piece of that delightful "Daisy"
luggage, all of which you can get
at the Dolly Vardon Hat Shop.

DRAPED AND TUCKED.

Felix is now showing a collection
of really good felt hats. They are
mostly of the smart close fitting
order, and browns predominate.
A small cocoa brown hat has a stitch-
ing of wine red silk on the bands
which cross above the forehead.
Nigger brown felt boasts of a brim
and is trimmed on the right side
with a series of pin tucks running
down the crown and across the
brim. A very dark brown taupe
felt has a bow at the back of its
own material which develops into
a wing effect behind either ear.

To turn to other colours, an ex-
ceedingly chic model is a little
turban shape of navy felt with the
material draped up to tie in a
small bow on the top of the crown
in front. Inserted below this bow
is a roughly triangular section of
taupe felt in the same colour. A
smart turban in wine colour has
two quite flat wings of silver tissue
in front, while black felt is similar-
ly trimmed, though the effect is
more of a super-imposed draping of
the silver, than of a wing.

This is a very smart collection of
hats which is well worth inspecting.
The sale is still on and there are,
of course, many other hats includ-
ed besides very attractive after-
noon and evening gowns, as well
as woollen jumper suits.

SOME CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM WHITEAWAYS.

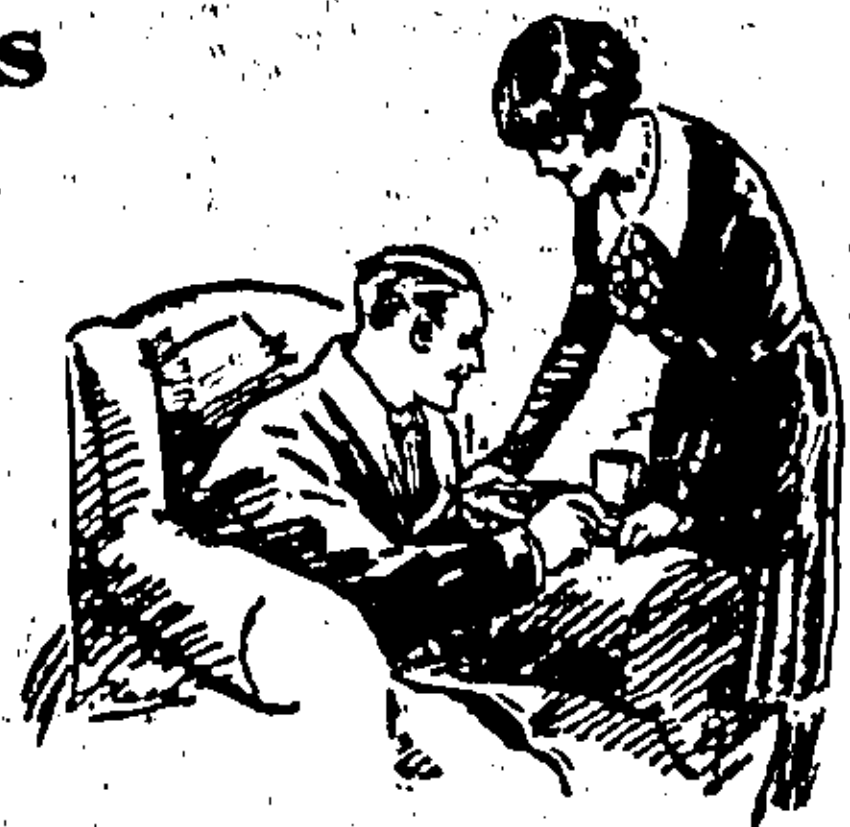
Most of us, when it comes to
Christmas presents, manage to get
off the parcels for those at Home
in time, and then we sit back, with
a pleasant sense of duty done, and
only wake up to the fact that we
have not yet got our gifts for friends
and relations here, in the week
before Christmas. Husbands are
particularly apt to do this, and
wives are not much better though
they generally remember to get the
children's presents in good time!

Husbands and wives with a
guilty conscience in this respect,
cannot do better than to go to
Whiteaways. Let us go first up-
stairs to the furnishing depart-
ment hurrying past the counter
where the men's wear is spread out
in tempting array, the haberdashery which reminds the wife of
ever so many small purchases she
ought to make, and turning our
eyes firmly away from the fascinat-
ing toys.

For Her, He might buy a cushion,
or even several cushions for they
would be sure of a welcome. For
Him, She might get a folding
verandah chair, a very comfortable
one, of English birch wood with
green canvas back and seat. It
costs \$12.50 and is the most com-
fortable form of upright garden
chair I have met. She would be
delighted if He gave her a gift
for the Home. New curtains, or
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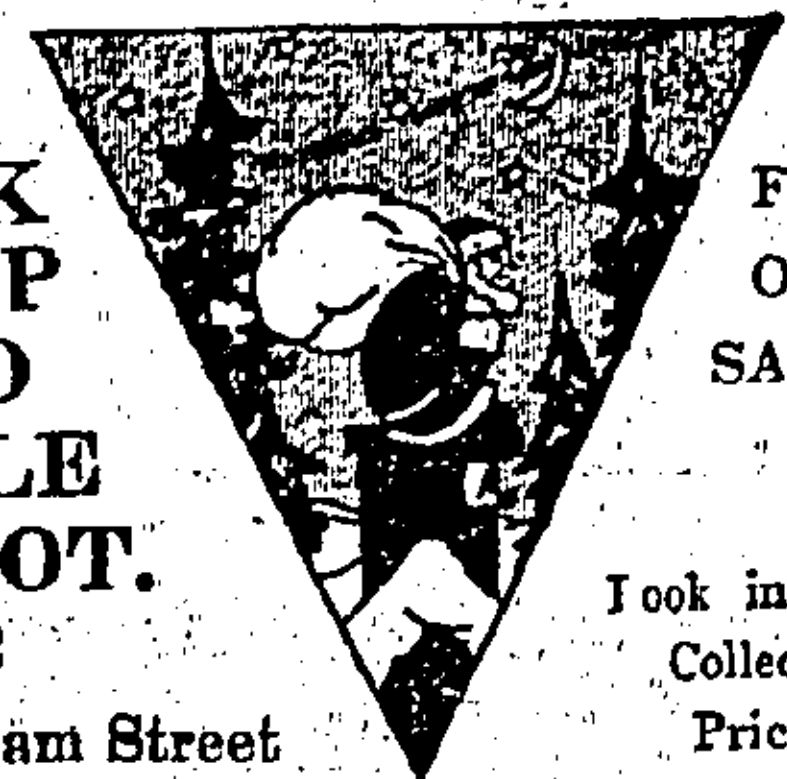
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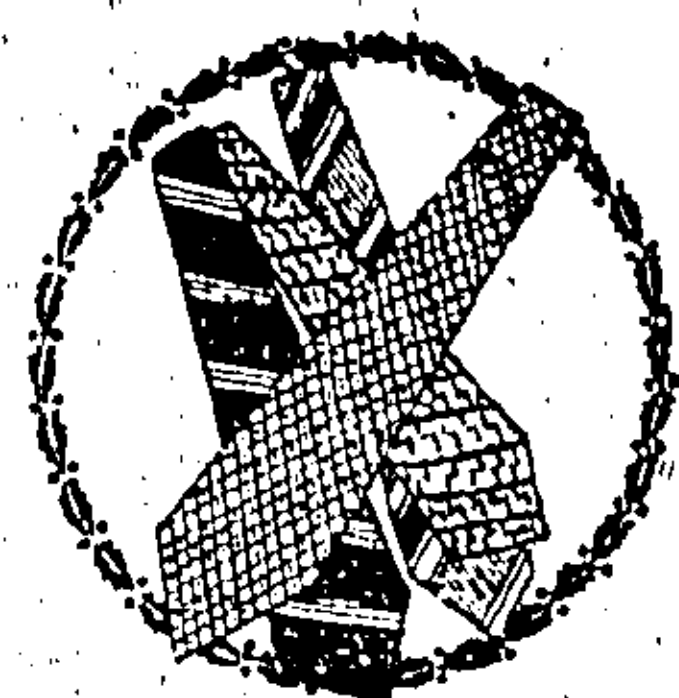
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antique copper and brass, and
really decorative coal boxes to
match them. An eiderdown quilt
would be a lovely present for all
three He, She and the Home.
Having settled that let us go
downstairs. She will find all sorts
of nice things for Him in the men's
wear department and doubtless as
they are together He will help Her
to choose wisely according to his
taste. Then He might lead Her
down to the other end of the
shop and buy for Her a pair, or
two, of those very smart and well
cut "Balley" shoes, or one of the
new shipment of felt hats. Prob-
ably, however, He will wander
away if She starts trying on hats,
and there is no doubt at all that
in that case He will gravitate to
the toy lazar, and the children
will benefit as they should, the dar-
lings, for Christmas is after all
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BRIGHTER HUSBANDS.

GIFTS THAT LAST LONGER THAN A DAY.

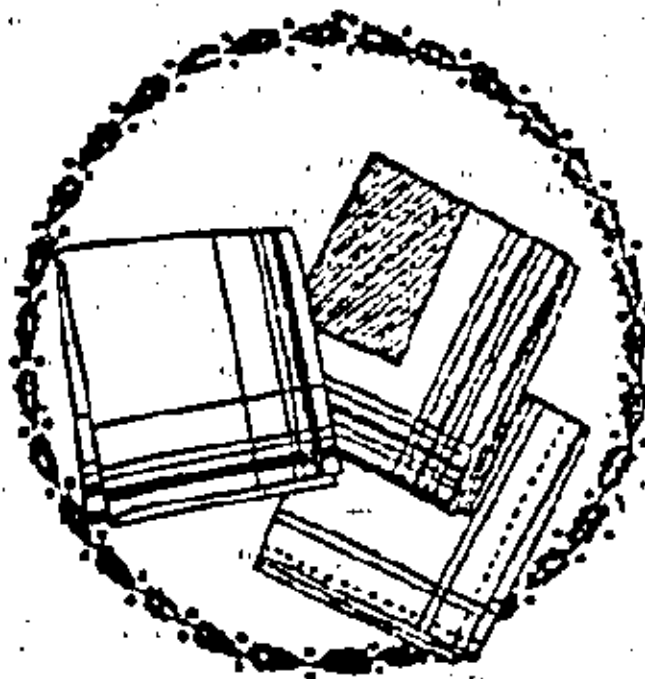
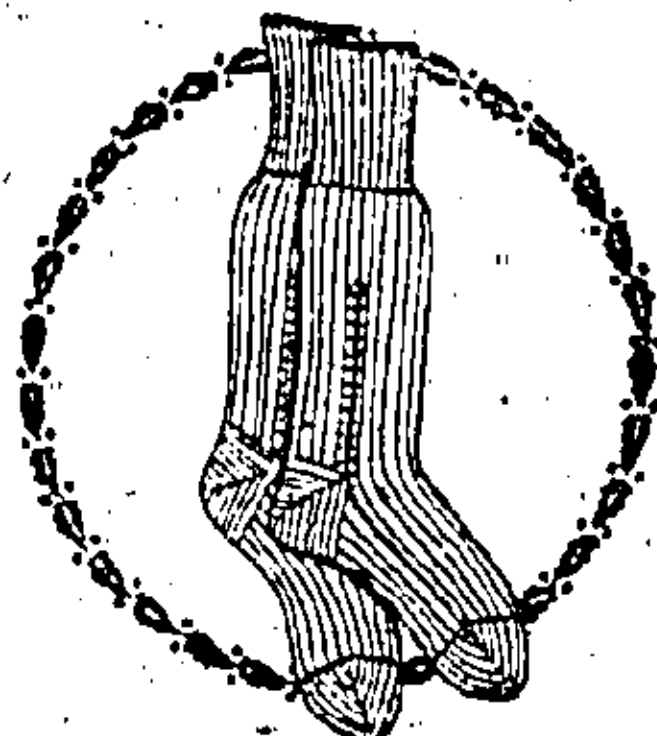
AN ARTICLE ON MAN'S DRESS BY A MERE WOMAN.



The earnest little band of men and women who are advocating dress reform for men are going the wrong way to work. They may be divided roughly into two classes the cranks who want to clothe the masculinity in "arty," violent, and sloppy garments, which no self-respecting woman would wear, and the learned men who write ponderous words on the dangers to health and sanity of wearing heavy and restricting clothing, and wear themselves nothing but what they describe as most injurious.

Dressing gowns of velvet, of brocade, of lustrous silks, of thin cashmere in paisley patternings, and of silk poplin. Their colours are rich and lovely, never too garish or too trivial. Then there are pyjamas and verandah suits. These, too, are in all the colours of the rainbow—or of Scotch plaids. Thick rich silk makes some of them, others are in silk and cotton mixture or in cambric. In these you get some quite fierce jazz patterns, beautifully blended checks, and plain tones collared and cuffed with a contrasting colour. These are the gifts that all wives, sisters, or fiancées, who are members of the Society for the Promotion of Brighter Husbands, should choose for their menfolk this Christmas. They are not expensive, and unless your man be very old fashioned indeed, he will be delighted.

Less expensive, but equally attractive to man and woman, are sets of silk handkerchiefs and ties. Where dressing gowns and pyjamas have got brighter this season, these accessories as well as pull overs, cardigans and stockings are quieter. Some of the new square scarves to wear under an overcoat in patterned silk are really far too nice for men, or at least I feel sure that their wives will say so! It is very important this season that handkerchief and tie should match each other and also tone with the general colour of the lounge suit.



There are some lovely white silk squares and scarves for evening use, and another welcome present would be a set of evening studs and cuff links. To be correct, these must be nearly plain, mother of pearl framed in a narrow band of gold is right, or onyx with a narrow silver edge, and, of course, plain gold links are always correct. Gloves make another good Christmas gift, and Mackintoshes have a nice selection in chamois, suede and cape.

"NO TOYS"—OUT OF DOORS.

Mr. Elephant alighted on the pavement at my feet with a thud, to be followed closely by Messrs. Rabbit and Dog.

When I returned the three gentlemen to their small owner in his pram, his amah said, with her patent smile, "Baby allo time tow laway."

Later that afternoon I met them again. Baby—still throwing his toys overboard—was bored—literally—to tears, and amah was worn out, and even more cross than baby. I just longed to say to her, "Do for goodness sake take all his toys away!"

For surely the place for toys indoors, in the nursery. No baby needs toys in his pram!

When pushed abroad he has all the out-of-doors world at which to look. The sights and sounds around him ought to be more than sufficient to keep him happy and amused.

Try wheeling even the newest baby under low-hanging branches and watch the little eyes light up at sight of the waving foliage overhead!

The baby who has reached the stage of sitting up—or kneeling—in his pram will soon establish for himself landmarks, along the various roads through which nurse pushes him.

One sixteen-months-old acquaintance of mine remembers, and hails with joy, each house where a "bow-wow" lives!

The baby who goes toyless on his "airing," and spends his time in watching all that goes on around him, is happy and contented, and

DRESS JEWELLERY.

A MODERN NECESSITY OF CHIC.

The charm of precious stones has been recognised all the world over, in all ages. For love of them many brave and terrible deeds have been done; which have provided material for song and story.

In our grandmothers' days jewellery was part of the correct dress of every woman who could afford it, later there came a period it was considered had form to wear more than a very few good gems. Then beads had a short vogue and were quickly superseded by the string of artificial or cultured pearls which became almost a uniform. During the last two seasons, a complete *boulevardement* of the mode has taken place, and dress jewellery, which makes little pretence at being anything but beads and paste, is not only worn openly but is correct and essential to *chic*.

This fashion started as a concession to the ensemble idea. If one wore red the correct accompaniment was rubies, if green, emeralds, if blue, sapphires. Obviously none but the very, very rich, could have necklaces, bracelets, ear-rings and rings set with genuine stones to match each dress. So charming was much of this synthetic jewellery however, and so beautiful its workmanship, that women began to like it for itself quite apart from its value in carrying out the colour scheme of an ensemble; and this winter "dress jewellery" as it is now called, has firmly established itself and has almost taken the place of flowers for evening wear.

WHY NOT A BOOK THIS CHRISTMAS?

It is not always easy to decide what to give for Christmas. The shops offer so many tempting things, and yet we all know how many gifts are to a large extent failures—not quite what was wanted. There is one gift, however, which very seldom fails to please—a book—no matter whether the recipient is young or old.

One of the best places to choose books for Christmas presents is the Book Shop and Bible Depot. There are, of course, Bibles, and religious books of all sorts, serious writings by some of the foremost thinkers of the day, and simple Bible stories with clear attractive illustrations for the little ones. The lover of serious reading will be pleased with one of the many books on China, for the mother and housewife are an excellent collection of practical books dealing with her special problems. There are novels and adventure stories for adults, and a huge selection of story books for young people.

And then we come to what are, perhaps, the nicest of all, piles and piles of story books, painting and drawing books, for the nursery folk. Amazingly cheap, beautifully illustrated, with well drawn pictures in clear colour, they are as delightful to purchase as they will be to receive on Christmas Day. You should look them over, and I think you will wish to be a child again just for the joy of owning them. Don't forget that even a book which only costs 40 cents, will give great pleasure to a child because it is something new, and his own.

SUNBURN IS OUT OF FASHION.

Many women are striving anxiously to rid themselves of the rich tan they acquired so laboriously—and sometimes, painfully—during the summer months.

Fashion has decreed that the complexion à la mode must be milky, without the slightest trace of sunburn.

Dieting is stated to be helpful, and many women are drinking four glasses of orange juice a day, eating a plate of spinach, and, in addition, a gradually increasing quantity of fruit, with as much milk as possible.

In the meantime beauty specialists who had laid in large stocks of cosmetics for bronze skins are faced with heavy losses.

The faintest shell-pink colour, and a rosy lipstick are now fashionable. Not one woman in a hundred now uses the orange rouge and 'sunset' lipsticks which have been so fashionable.

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No. 22145, 10-inch

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THE FATAL OVER-DOSE.

DYING BOY POISONED FOR PITY.

NOVELIST'S GRIM SECRET.

A remarkable manuscript of deep human interest—the disclosure of a dramatic incident in the life of a famous novelist—came into the possession of the *Daily Express* recently.

It is from the pen of Miss Dora Christie-Murray, daughter of the late David Christie-Murray, and it was accompanied by the statement that the writer had been inspired to place the facts on record after reading the accounts of the trial of Richard Corbett for the murder of his mother, whom he killed, he said, because she suffered from an incurable disease.

Miss Christie-Murray states that, many years ago, her father adopted the son of a Belgian peasant, and deliberately poisoned him when he lay in shrieking agony a few days before his inevitable end.

Peasant Genius.

"When my father was a young man, travelling in the Belgian Ardennes, he came across a cottage tucked away from civilisation, inhabited by an old couple and their son," the manuscript says.

"The parents were of typical peasant class—heavy and loutish, their backs bowed with work, neither expecting nor hoping for anything beyond their lives of daily toil. But the sixteen-year-old son, a bright, flame-like spirit, was a changeling to their dull eyes.

"Without any book-learning he was a genius. Untutored, he had the knowledge with which all artists are born, and above all he had the great, sorrowful gift of music.

"But all his beauty of soul was imprisoned in a sickly body that found work, of even the lightest kind, impossible. The parents, irritated by his helplessness and frightened by his alien ways, found him a burden, a useless clog on their own dull, stupid lives, and the boy in turn was bewildered by his parents' lack of understanding and sympathy.

Incurable Disease.

"My father, naturally attracted by the boy, approached the parents with a view to adopting him, and was met with open-armed enthusiasm. To cut a long story short, he finally took the boy away, resolved that his artistry should find its own level.

The boy—let us call him Henri—lived for a few months in heaven, but the sickness of his early life turned to an incurable disease, and, in spite of all the loving care my father gave him, he became feebler and feebler, and at last bed-ridden. All his days and nights, and finally all his minutes, were one protracted agony that not even the most powerful drugs could assuage.

Finally the time came when it was only a question of days before the end—and such days! Such agonies of pain, such helplessness, such agony, that my father could hardly bear to stand by the bedside. Finally one day he turned to the doctor, almost frantic with his inability to do anything, and said: "For God's sake, man, do something! I cannot bear to see this going on any longer."

The doctor looked at him strangely for a moment, then picked up a small bottle which he handed him. "When I am gone, monsieur," he said, "and the pain becomes very acute, you may give Henri three drops of this medicine—just three drops, remember; more would be fatal."

"Three Drops Only."

My father said: "You mean—?" "Three drops only; more would be fatal," repeated the doctor.

"Thank you," said my father, and the doctor left the room.

As he turned to where the boy was lying, exhausted after his last proxy of pain, Henri opened his eyes and said faintly: "I can't bear it, sir. Help me!"

My father, gentle as a woman, went down on his knees and lifted the boy's head in his arms.

"My boy," he said, "you have only a few more days to live, and they will be full of pain and agony. I have something here that might help to relieve the pain a little, and if I give it to you you will go to sleep and never wake up again. Will you take it?"

"I'll take anything from your hands," said the boy.

So, with hands that never faltered, my father poured out with a smile of unutterable peace, and just whispered, "God bless you, sir."

And so fell asleep; and sleeping,

BRINGING THE DEAD TO LIFE.

WEIRD DEMONSTRATIONS BY SIR J. BOSE.

Calcutta, Dec. 9.—Sir Jagadis Bose amazed a party of English public schoolboys who visited the Bose Institute.

With the assistance of Lord Hyde, Sir Jagadis Bose showed that man is less susceptible to electric shocks than are plants.

Chloroforming a plant he made it record, on the screen, the gradual slowing up of its pulse system.

He made a dead frog dance in response to electric stimuli.

He also exhibited the powers of a remarkable new drug which was injected into a lifeless plant. As if impelled by an unseen force the withered leaf reared itself and opened out.—*Straits Times*.

A Visit to the Institute.

The following message (dated Calcutta, November 30) describes a visit made by an Associated Press representative to the Bose Institute:—

I was lucky enough to arrive while there was still light, the correspondent writes, and was conducted, before the demonstration in the lecture theatre, around a charming garden where peace reigns amid the noises of Calcutta. In it are grown the plants on which Sir Jagadis Bose conducts his experiments.

Around it are the laboratories, workshops and the quarters of European and Indian students.

Not a plant, not a screw, comes from outside and the scientist's marvellously delicate instruments are all home-made.

Later, in the lecture theatre, the revelations made by Sir Jagadis Bose, regarding a new type of "growth balance" caused a sensation.

By employing these new methods it is possible not only to visualize the imperceptible growth of plants, but also to make an immediate measurement of the rate of growth.

Sensitive Apparatus.

The apparatus is so exceptionally sensitive that it records the response of plants to wireless stimulation, which is beyond the range of human perception.

The establishment of the laws of growth on which the advancement of scientific agriculture depends has been rendered possible by these new methods.

Other equally astonishing experiments with animals and plants have established the identical life mechanisms in two kingdoms.

The leg of the frog, as well as a miming leaf produced similar dancing movements under nervous excitation.

Action of Poison.

A plant was next made to inscribe its throbbing pulsations and pulse-beats under the action of poison. The pulsations conveyed the impression of the flutterings of a creature struggling for life.

The resonant cardiograph recorded the characteristic effects of different Indian drugs on the heart of an animal. These have been tested and verified by leading experts of the Faculty of Medicine at the Vienna University. The heart-beats of a frog had just come to a stop, the animal being to all intents and purposes dead. The injection of a few drops of an Indian drug of high-potency caused the revival of the heart and the animal was brought back to life.

New Pharmacopoeia.

A large number of Indian plants have been discovered, the medicinal properties of which had never been suspected and whose efficacy in reviving a failing heart appears to be exceptionally high.

Further progress necessitates the isolation of the active principles from plant-extracts, as well as prolonged investigation for the standardisation of the dose for human subjects. Such results would undoubtedly lead to the establishment of new pharmacopoeia for the relief of humanity.

DIRIGIBLE BASE IN CALIFORNIA.

MR. BRITTEN TO SETTLE DISPUTE.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Representative Fred A. Britten of Illinois, chairman of the House Naval Affairs Committee, said to-day that members of his committee will probably pay a visit to California in an effort to settle the controversy between the northern and southern sections of the state concerning the location of a proposed dirigible base.

This base is expected to play a large part in future Pacific aerial transport, and keen competition has developed between different localities as to which shall become the terminus for this anticipated aerial oceanic traffic.

BIG CALIFORNIA OBSERVATORY.

TO BE BUILT NEAR PASADENA.

Southern California is to have the world's largest astronomical observatory.

It will cost more than \$20,000,000 gold to build and equip this huge plant, which is to be built by the Carnegie Institute within a 200-mile radius of Pasadena, Calif., according to Maj. P. H. McLaughlin, in charge of preliminary work.

Although two peaks near San Bernardino, Calif., are still under consideration, it is believed that the observatory will be built eventually on Mt. Wilson, about 64 miles north-east of San Diego.

Mr. McLaughlin and his assistants are making daily observations with a three-inch telescope of the North Star, Volcan Mountain, where the observation camp has been established, is favoured because of a water supply at the summit, easy accessibility, a rolling mesa, and minimum snow and wind.

Figures furnished by Mr. McLaughlin on the proposed observatory indicated that it will have a 200-inch reflector weighing 60 tons. The next largest reflector is 100 inches in diameter and weighs 40 tons, Mr. McLaughlin said. It is located on Mt. Wilson. Experiments are now being carried on in New York and Chicago laboratories to have the bottom mirror of the giant reflector made of quartz. Several years will be consumed in manufacture of the reflector, he said.

The new observatory must be located within a day's journey because the Pasadena laboratories of the Institute will be necessary to carry on the work of the observatory, Mr. McLaughlin explained. "The ruling about the 200-mile radius from Pasadena is rather unfortunate," he said, "because the most perfect visibility in the world is at Prescott and Flagstaff, Arizona. The nearer one comes to Los Angeles and San Diego, the greater is the mist before the telescope."

Approximately \$2,000,000 has been set aside by the Carnegie Institute for preliminary work in finding the best site within the required radius of Pasadena, Mr. McLaughlin said.

Formal announcement of the selection of the site of the world's largest observatory will be made sometime next year by the Carnegie Institute officials.

The major planets have their greatest visibility within the next 10 years, observations made by McLaughlin indicate. Venus, Jupiter and Saturn are now especially brilliant.

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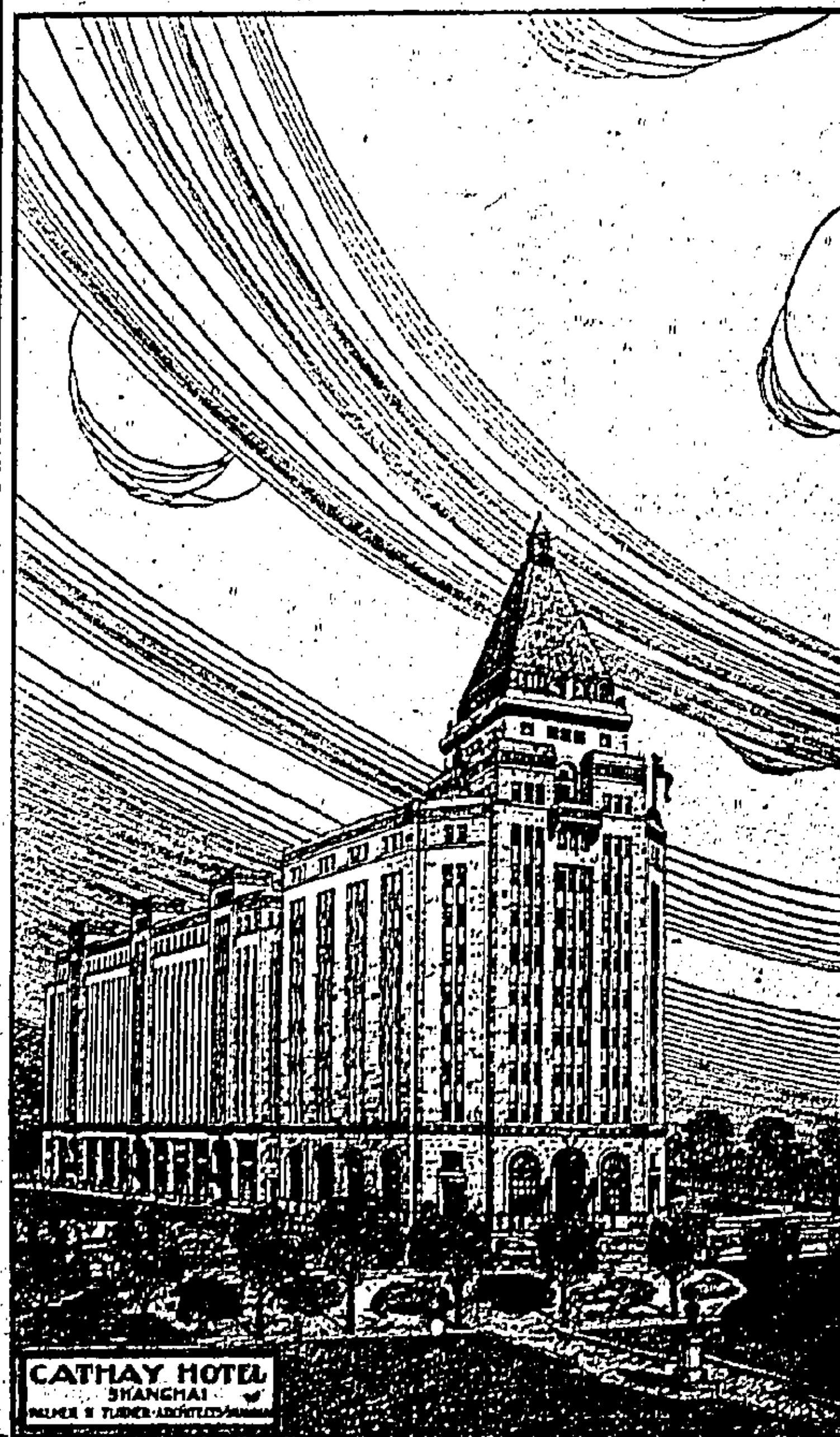
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Sukkur.—The Royal Commission on Indian Labour has gone to Sukkur to examine working conditions at the barrage.

Geneva.—Sir Eric Drummond, Secretary-General of the League of Nations, has left on a visit to Rome and Belgrade at the invitation of the Italian and Yugoslav Governments.

Madras.—Ootacamund, the hot weather resort of the Madras Government, is threatened by a serious outbreak of rabies among jackals. Many cases of persons being attacked by mad jackals have been reported.

London.—George Elkins, a window-cleaner, fell from a window-sill in Castle Street, Finsbury, and was killed.

Rotherhithe.—As a result of a collision with the s.s. Alouette in the Thames at Columbia Wharf, Rotherhithe, the barge Golden Eagle, which was laden with ballast, was sunk.

Constantinople.—Mr. A. T. Waugh, British Consul-General at Constantinople since the War, who has been 40 years in the Consular Service in Turkey, has arrived in England on his retirement.

Llandrindod Wells.—The body of John Evan Jones, 50, employed for over 20 years at a dairy at Llandrindod Wells, has been found in a pool on the river Ithon, near the farm where he was working.

London.—Thieves broke the window of the Ingersoll Watch Company, Kingway, and stole a few watches. They used a small hammer, which they left behind.

Latvia.—A general strike has been called in Latvia as a protest against the Government's action in altering the constitution of workers' health insurance societies.

Hull.—Randolph Butterfield, egg merchant, of Sandringham Street, Hull, was at Hull fined £5, and ordered to pay 10 guineas costs, for obliterating the marks of origin from imported eggs.

Moscow.—Gaimarnik has been appointed chief of the political department of the Soviet Army, a post recently vacated by Bubnoff, who became Commissar for Education in succession to Lunacharsky.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND
ORDINANCE.SIR HENRY POLLOCK SECURES
FIRST READING.INCORPORATING BODY OF
TRUSTEES.

At yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Sir Henry E. Pollock, K.C., moved the first reading of—

An Ordinance to incorporate a body of trustees capable of holding property for the purposes of the Church of England, and to provide for the performance of divine worship according to rites and ceremonies of the Church of England, and for certain objects ancillary to the aforesaid objects.

This Ordinance repeals the St. John's Cathedral Church Ordinance, 1899, and the Church Property Vesting Ordinance, 1904, and constitutes one central incorporated authority to hold and administer all the property of the Church of England in Hong Kong.

Democratic Electorate. Outlining the objects and reasons of the Bill, Sir Henry pointed out that it had become necessary to consider the question of having a new Electorate to deal with matters appertaining to the Church of England in Hong Kong and it was decided to form a more democratic body.

One clause in the Ordinance provided, in view of some of the Electors being seat-holders and subscribers, that *bona fide* election should consist of persons of both sexes of the age of 18 or upwards, who were baptised in the Church of England, and who did not belong to any other Church in the Diocese and who have signed a declaration to that effect.

It would, therefore, be seen, he said, that a wider body would be created in the hope that an increased number of churchgoers would take increased interest in the affairs of the Church of England in Hong Kong.

The Bill provided for the constitution of a Church Council.

The Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes seconded the reading of the Bill.

HONG KONG VOLUNTEER
DEFENCE CORPS.[ORDERS BY LT.-COL. L. G. BIRD, D.S.O.,
O.B.E., COMMANDANT.]

No. 51/20.

1.—Camp Pay.

All ranks of all units except No. 6 Platoon will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, December 23, for issue of Camp pay. No. 6 Platoon will parade as directed by O/C. Scottish Co. Cheques and pay lists have been issued to O.S.C. Units who are responsible that all ranks sign the pay lists.

2.—Tactical Exercise. A field firing tactical exercise will be held at Fanling on Sunday, January 19 (not on January 18 as previously discussed) in which the following units will take part:—M.G. Troop, A.C. Co., M.G. Co., and Scottish Co. Attendance to count as 2 parades or as 1 day in Camp.

3.—Casuals. TABLE "T" MACHINE GUN PART II. All casuals in the above course will fire at Stonecutters on Sunday, December 22, 1929.

Range Officer: 2-Lieut. A. Hutton Potts and 2-Lieut. J. F. Wright.

Dress: Musketry order, uniform or muff.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 9.10 a.m.

TABLE "T" RIFLE PART II. All casuals in the above course will fire at Stonecutters on Sunday, January 5, 1930.

Range Officer: Capt. R. R. Davies.

Dress: Musketry order, uniform or muff.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 9.10 a.m.

All ranks who are casuals in either or both of the above mentioned courses are reminded that the firing of either or both of these courses, where applicable, is one of the obligation of a Volunteer.

4.—The Battery. December 20 to 22. Practice Camp at Tai Lam as previously notified.

Transport will leave Kowloon Ferry on Friday, December 20, at 5.45 p.m.

Dress: Tunic, shorts, greatcoats, helmets, puttees (tapes at the bottom) and bandolier.

5.—Engineer Company. All members are advised that the Engineer Company camp will be held at Lyeemun from Friday night to Sunday night, January 10 to 12. Two nights in camp are necessary for efficiency and all members are requested to send in their names to O.C. Co. stating what period they are attending camp, as soon as possible.

There will be no parade on December 23.

6.—Corps Signals. There will be no parade on December 23, January 6.

"THE BROADWAY
MELODY."EFFICIENT STAGE WORK
AND POOR DIALOGUE.A STORY OF NEW YORK
REVUE.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

"The Broadway Melody" is a story of the revue stage of New York. The three chief characters are two sisters (Anita Page and Bessie Love) and a man (Charles King) who acts with them and is engaged to the elder, "Hank" (Bessie Love) has always sheltered and worshipped her younger sister "Queenie" and when they get the chance to act on Broadway she is mainly glad for Queenie's sake. The younger sister is a success, the elder a comparative failure, and the man follows the rest of the theatrical world and transfers his affections to the younger, Queenie, too, has a streak of "nobility" and tries to put off her sister's fiancé by pretending to live a fast life. In the end Queenie and Eddie are married, leaving Hank to go out again on the road.

The story is, not very convincingly, told in a series of noisy quarrrels, tears and reconciliations. There is no moment of genuine emotion from start to finish. But the characters are people of another world—players—who are never off the stage, and this stage atmosphere of jangled nerves, hysteria and posing is admirably suggested.

The quite extraordinary efficiency of the whole production, especially of the scenes in the theatre, does to a certain extent compensate for its artificiality and the confusion and weakness of the story. The ballet in particular is a miracle of perfect drilling, though as soulless as the patterns made by a kaleidoscope. This scene is done in colour, and shows what a remarkable advance has been made of late in this direction.

Those of you who know and appreciate the latest American songs and music will probably enjoy "Broadway Melody" better than I did, and I think that every one will be agreed about the hard brilliancy of the whole production.

7.—Armoured Car Company.

CAR SECTION. Parade at Headquarters on Friday, December 20, at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction.

MOTOR CYCLE SECTION. Parade at Headquarters on Friday, December 20, at 5.30 p.m. for instructional ride.

7a.—Parades. No parades will be held at Headquarters from Tuesday, December 24, 1929, and Thursday, January 2, 1930.

8.—Machine Gun Company. There will be no further parades till Tuesday, January 7, 1930. Details later.

9.—Scottish Company. Next parade will be held on Thursday, January 9, 1930. M.G. Instruction.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock under Lieut. G. Duncan, M.B.E.

No. 7 Platoon at Headquarters under Lieut. H. R. Forsyth. As from January 1, 1930, No. 6 (Taikoo) Platoon, owing to lack of members will be absorbed by and become part of No. 7 Platoon. Until sufficient members warrant instruction being given at the Dockyard, training will be carried out at Headquarters.

10.—Portuguese Company. COMPANY COMMANDERS PARADE.

The Company is expected to parade at Headquarters on Friday, January 3, at 5.30 p.m., as strong as possible. Dress: Optional, rifle and bayonet, belt and pouches.

A circular re combined Naval and Military operation on January 15, in which the Company have been invited to participate, by H.E. the G.O.C. Commanding the British Troops in China will be issued to all ranks early next week.

11.—Musketry Badges. TABLE "T" PART II. RIFLE.

No. 21 L/Serg. J. C. Goodman with score of 107 has been awarded the badge Crown and Crossed Rifles in Wreath as the best shot of Sergeants and Lance-Sergeants.

No. 999 Pte. K. C. McLennan with score of 106 has been awarded the badge Star and Crossed Rifles in Wreath as the best shot of Corporals and Privates.

12.—Transfer.

Corpl. W. Greig to be transferred from No. 6 Platoon to Reserve Company, Scottish Section, as from November 19, 1929.

No. 294 Pte. J. McKelvie to be transferred from No. 6 Platoon to Reserve Company, Scottish Section, as from December 6, 1929.

13.—Resignation.

The following are permitted to resign from the Corps:—No. 694 Pte. D. Ogilvie, M.G. Troop, from November 7, 1929 (on medical ground).

No. 1457 Pte. R. W. D. Dunby, No. 4 Platoon, from November 19, 1929.

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VICTORIA SCHOOL.

YESTERDAY'S PRIZE- GIVING.

A very pleasant little function yesterday was the prize giving at the Victoria British School. Mrs. J. Owen Hughes distributed the awards and a large number of parents and friends were present to see a capital series of tableaux, playlets and songs by the pupils.

Class 8 gave "The Little Men in the Moon," quite an ambitious effort for small children, and classes 9 and 10 combined to give "Toys" with equal success, the cast being: Eileen Barnett, Geoffrey Stone, Beryl Oliver, Peter Brookbank, Arnold Brookbank, Stuart Andrews, John Anderson, Peter Smith, Dorothy Kelly, Evelyn Salmon, Mona Shand, Dieder Baskett, Colin de Rome, Joan Wheeler, Fleming Kinnaird, Mildred Kelly, Roy de Rome, Pat Barnett, Alan Anderson, Peter Hosegood, Derek Parren.

The tableaux were:—"The Shadow" (from the painting by E. Blair Leighton), N. Duckworth, D. Parsons; "Daphne and Apollo" (from the painting by Henrietta Rae), H. Salmon, B. Hosegood; "The Finding of Moses in the Bulrushes," V. Hollidge, N. Duckworth, M. Suttill. In addition, a number of songs were rendered by the combined classes.

The Report.

The annual report read by Mrs. E. M. Clark, headmistress stated, *inter alia*: The attendance throughout the year has been good.

Several medical inspections were made by Mrs. Minett, M.O.S., during the year. On one occasion Mrs. Minett gave an interesting lantern lecture on mosquitoes and flies, when coloured health slides were shown to the pupils. Miss Jaques visited the school throughout the year to give instruction in drill, games and hygiene. Her remedial exercises have benefited those children who needed them.

Pupils were taken to the World Theatre to see "The Birth of a Flower," and 23 children visited the Queen's Theatre by courtesy of the Navy League to view the film "Keep Watch." There were several informal parties during the year—May Day and Hallowe'en.

The 23rd Hong Kong Cub Pack and the 6th Hong Kong Brownie Pack held their meetings here on Mondays and Thursdays.

The staff at the beginning of the year consisted of Mrs. I. J. Pryde, Mrs. A. G. Jefford, Miss M. J. Stuart and myself. Mrs. Pryde left in April in order to proceed to Scotland. Miss M. A. Karslake joined the staff in May.

The work generally throughout the year has been satisfactory in all classes. One innovation made this year was the introduction of a Percussion Band.

The results of the Royal Drawing Society's Examination—Preparatory Division—were good. Several pupils were presented for examination and all passed, six with honours.

I wish to thank my staff for their unflinching support in the work of the school. Throughout the year there has been harmonious co-operation between parents, pupils and teachers. It is due to this, that the discipline and tone of the school is good.

Prize List.

Class 7.—Scholarship, Vivienne Hollidge; prizes, Billy Gegg, 1st; Betty Evans, 2nd.

Class 8.—Alice Dedgear, 1st; Dorcas Taylor, 2nd; Walter Evans, special prize.

Class 9.—Dorothy Salmon, 1st; Peter Brookbank, 2nd; Arnold Brookbank and Aileen Barnett, special prizes.

Class 10.—Colin de Rome, Roy de Rome, John Anderson, Mona Anderson, Mona Shand, Alan Anderson, Fleming Kinnaird, Peter Smith, Roy Andrews, Peter Hosegood, Joan Wheeler, and Mildred Kelly, prizes for progress.

Special prize for progress, given by Mrs. J. Owen Hughes—Billy Hosegood.

Royal Drawing Society's Certificates—(Preparatory Division)—Nancy Duckworth, Billy Gegg, Chas. Hosegood, David Parsons, Chas. Evans and Eric Stone, honours; Hilda Salmon, pass.

THE BLACK HAND IN NEW YORK.

KILL THREE SMALL CHILDREN.

Brooklyn, Dec. 8.—Three children in the family of Joseph Fazio, an Italian contractor, were killed in an explosion caused in tragic fashion.

As the children were preparing to attend mass, they spied a package on the kitchen table.

Believing that "Santa Claus" had been here, they opened the package. It proved to be a bomb, which exploded and riddled their bodies and the walls of the kitchen with iron slugs.

The father was away on a hunting trip. He had recently received threats from the "Black Hand,"

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE NATURE OF CHRISTIANITY.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—When "X." says that not a single detail of Christ's life is known to us, that is evidently on the assumption that one rejects four accounts, all written within the first century. That is a big rejection of evidence! One might as well reject the "Commentaries" when studying the life of Julius Caesar. Two of these accounts are attributed, from earliest times, to members of the inner circle of His friends. That tradition has been attacked. Doubts are raised, but it is just as easy to say that G. B. Shaw and William Shakespeare never wrote the plays attributed to them as to say St. Matthew and St. John did not write their gospels. Extremely good scholars accept the traditional view. Opponents can say what they like but when it comes to justifying their statements they are at sixes and sevens.

As to the Gospel being contradictory. A set of records from different sources of the same events always differ in detail. Where are the Gospels contradictory on any material point? Let us have these inconsistencies pointed out!

The Gospels suffer from the manner in which the publishers present them. Read them in the "Everyman" edition, without the irritating chapters and verses, and the narrative grows in strength and power.

It is quite clear, in this edition, for instance, when Christ speaks and when either another person or the narrator is expressing himself. Take what Christ says. It is always interesting, vivid, and intensely applicable to-day. Examine His words and I maintain, you can never reject them as wrong or out of date. They are not, moreover, vague platitudes—Christ is never tedious or platitudinarian. The meaning of some of the parables is deep and subtle, but the story is invariably perfect as a story. I will challenge anyone to try to "pick a hole" in any of Christ's teachings.

No other teacher has those qualities. St. Paul can be intensely dull and is often parochial (i.e., the dictum about women cutting their hair—a habit of Greek courtisans, I believe!) Aristotle is duller still, and the great Aristotle condones piracy! In Plato's Republic nothing could be greater or more true than Socrates' definition of Justice—"minding one's own business." But Plato elsewhere in "the Republic" is frankly ridiculous on the sex problem, and his scheme never has and never will be tried.

Compare Christ's teaching on "sex": an endorsement of the Seventh Commandment and in addition, binding monogamy. "They shall be one flesh." Thus the tremendous idea, not only of the permanent union, but of the equality of man and woman (also taught by the Woman of Samaria incident) is thrust upon a polygamous, easy-divorcing world, convinced of women's "complete inferiority."

And Christ's idea on marriage grows and prevails. To go back to the Gospel. The matter of divorce is raised. "Moses, owing to the hardness of your hearts permitted you to put away your wives, but in the beginning it was not so." There are cases and circumstances in which divorce must be allowed by Moses—i.e., the civil law—but it is a thing to regret and to fight against. Now this soundness (I give only the one example) runs through all of Christ's teaching, and He deals, sometimes directly, more often by strong implication, with every problem confronting the individual, and I defy anyone to prove Christ misleading, on any point, provided He is studied with reasonable intelligence. Now a teacher who, to use a colloquialism "de-livers the goods," in his recorded utterances, is entitled to have his whole claim considered.

This claim is tremendous. "I am the way, the truth and the light." Not St. Paul, or the Bible, or tradition. They may be "helpful" but not invariably so. They are often "found wanting" when critically examined and when measured by Christ himself.

To those who believe in Christianity I would say measure everything by Christ's words and acts—never mind anyone else. To those who do not believe I would say take the ethical teaching ascribed to Christ (forget the Inquisition, the warring sects, or ritual, or the "unco' guid") and see if it is not extraordinarily sound and do you really disagree with it, whoever may be the author and whatever "nervousness" may have arisen! After all, Christendom is not perfect, but doesn't it compare well with "hethendom," and the Founder said quite plainly that His message would work very slowly on that recalcitrant but attractive substance, humanity—Yours, etc., R.B.

Hong Kong, Dec. 10.

ARMS AND THE MAN!

NEW ORDINANCES PASSED.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HUSTLE.

At yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, the following Ordinances were passed:—

An Ordinance to amend further the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903.

An Ordinance to amend further the Companies Ordinance, 1911.

An Ordinance to amend the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance, 1900.

An Ordinance to amend the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance, 1900.

An Ordinance to amend the Deportation Ordinance, 1917.

An Ordinance to amend the law relating to intoxicating liquors.

Details explaining the objects and reason of all these Ordinances have already received attention in these columns.

Attorney-General's Warning.

During the reading of the amendments to the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance, 1911, the Attorney-General (the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C.) said it had been suggested that it might be useful to draw attention again to the fact that, when the Bill came into force, the class of "exempted" persons entitled to carry arms would be very much reduced in numbers.

As a matter of fact, the only "exempted" persons would be persons in the Royal Navy or the Army, Volunteers, police, and police reserves in connection with their duties, Commissioned Officers, certain public officials (approved by H.E. the Governor) and certain persons to whom the Captain Superintendent of Police might give permission.

In the past, "exempted" persons included priests, ministers, doctors, solicitors, barristers, any public officials, and special jurymen in addition to the classes mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

"Therefore," said the Attorney-General in conclusion, "those persons who are now excluded from exemption will either have to get rid of the arms and ammunition or apply to the authorities for exemption."

SOME QUESTIONS FOR CANON STREETER.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—Could you get Canon Streeter to answer the following questions?

We get big men of various kinds going round the world "talking" and enquiring, but to my mind they very rarely get to the point.

In John O'London's Weekly an "Enquiring Layman" asked the following questions, and they are the very questions which worry the minds of many people who profess and call themselves Christians or who sincerely wish to do so:—

1. What place, for example, in Modernist thought does the supernatural in Christianity hold?

2. Was Christianity a supernatural revelation?

3. Is Christianity essentially a way of life?

4. Or, to be a Christian, is assent to the orthodox doctrine of the Incarnation and the Virgin Birth, to the physical Resurrection as a historical fact, to the divine institution of Sacraments, to the Atonement, a *sine qua non*?

5. Is Christianity "indissolubly bound up with certain unique 'historical' events that, as narrated, are to be taken literally?"

I add a final question:—What does Canon Streeter mean by "Christianity," when he says that Christianity is the only solution of the difficulties, etc., in China?—Yours, etc., ALPHA & OMEGA.

Hong Kong, Dec. 10.

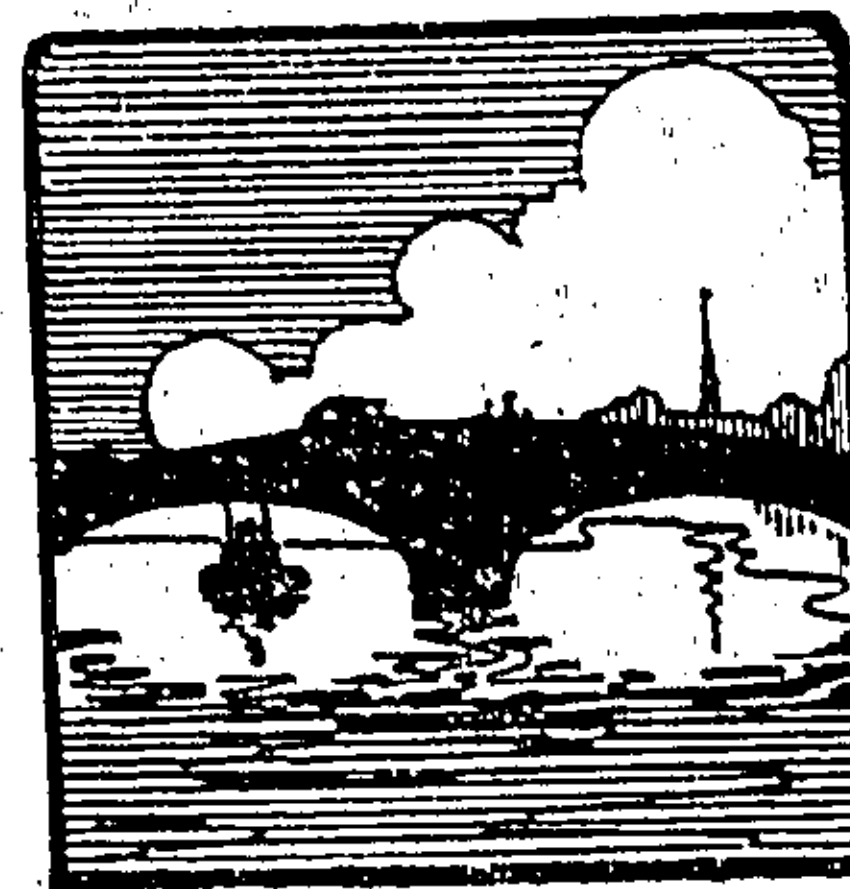
PARKING FACILITIES.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—I hope Kowloon motorists have noticed that the Residents' Association is taking up the question of parking facilities at the Ferry, and that body is taking action to protect their interests. If there is any motorist in Kowloon who has not yet joined the Residents' Association he should do so without delay, as before long this question of parking facilities is likely to develop a very serious aspect, if what I hear is true, and it is necessary that the K.R.A. should have the fullest support in its efforts to obtain justice for motorists in Kowloon.—Yours, etc., OWNER DRIVER.

Kowloon, December 10.

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ORGY OF BRIDGE BLOWING.**SERIOUS DAMAGE AT SHEK HA.****PAID BANDITS?****[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]****CANTON, December 19.**

The destruction of the Shek Ha Bridge of the Canton-Kowloon Railway is more serious than it was originally thought.

According to a foreign engineer it will take three months completely to repair the damage.

In the meantime, temporary repairs are being made, so as to resume the service between Canton and Kowloon.

It is authoritatively stated that the bridge was purposely blown up by the bandit soldiers of Yuen Ha Kan acting under orders of Chang Fat Fui.

Chang Fat Fui, it is said, supplied him with all the explosives to blow up the bridge at Shek Ha, so as to prevent Chen Tsai Tong's troops from retreating into the East River districts.

An unconfirmed report states that another bridge near Sin Tsoon has been blown up. No details are available.

CHRISTIANITY NOT WANTED.**SOME CANTON IDEAS.****[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]****CANTON, Dec. 19.**

The more radical elements of the Canton Municipal Kuomintang are again launching an attack on Christianity, in view of the approach of Christmas. Special pamphlets vehemently denouncing Christianity are being prepared by the propaganda section of the Canton Kuomintang for distribution among their followers.

"Anti-religious" writers are being asked to contribute special articles to the book under preparation.

The Canton Kuomintang charges, *inter alia*, that Christianity, "being a tool and mouthpiece of foreign Imperialists," is undermining the people. "The religion," it says, "has long been the favourite medium through which the Imperialists conducted their aggression in China. It is to be deplored that so many of our people have been poisoned by such a perverse doctrine. Unless these victims of Christianity are restored to normalcy, the Nationalist Movement can never be brought to fruition. We must therefore wake them from their lethargic sleep, and crusade against Christianity."

WUCHOW EVACUATED BY KWANGSI TROOPS.**[NAVAL WIRELESS.]****Wuchow, Dec. 19.**

Situation quiet. Kwangsi forces have evacuated the city and Nationalists have been asked to take over.

LUI WOON IM GOES, "DISGUSTED."**MORE COMPLICATIONS.****[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]****CANTON, December 19.**

The expeditionary force under General Chen Tsai Tong has captured Fung Chun, a strategic point a little below Wuchow. The fall of Fung Chun has placed the Cantonese troops within striking distance of Wuchow, which is expected to fall very shortly.

It is generally believed that the entire Kwangsi forces are now concentrating in Wuchow, and a fierce struggle is expected. The Cantonese forces, however, anticipate no difficulty in capturing the city.

Li Ming Shui and Yue Tsak Pak are reported to have cabled to Marshal Chiang Kai Shek stating that "they are out-and-out against Wong Shui Hung and his colleagues and that they are solidly supporting the Central Government." Their purpose, according to their own statements, is "to support Nanking and crush the remnants of the Kwangsi clique."

General Yun Lung, military leader of Yunnan, has taken advantage of the confused situation in Kwangsi and launched a drive on that Province. He has captured Pei Shih, an important city not far from Yunnan. General Lui Woon Im is reported to have fled from Kwangsi, being disgusted with the attitude of his native province.

GOVERNMENT AND PIRACY.**COMPENSATION FOR HAICHING OFFICERS.****WITHDRAWAL OF MILITARY GUARDS.**

The Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday—

"1. Will the Government favourably consider suitable recognition being accorded to the Captain, Officers and Crew of the steamer Haiching?" and

"2. Does the Government propose making a compassionate grant to the dependents of the 3rd Officer and Guard killed and to the Officers and Crew who were injured or have otherwise suffered at the hands of the pirates?"

The Colonial Secretary stated in reply that these matters will receive sympathetic consideration at the hands of the Government as soon as the enquiry into the circumstances of the Piracy have been completed.

For Shipping Firms.

The Hon. Member asked further, "(a.) Will the Government contradict (or otherwise) the report in the Press that Military Guards on merchant vessels trading in these waters are shortly to be withdrawn?" and

"(b.) If the report is correct, and in view of this latest piratical attack on the steamer Haiching, will the Government make strong representations to the Military or other Authorities to reconsider their decision?"

In reply to the first question, the Colonial Secretary said it is understood to be the policy of His Majesty's Government that the Guards should be withdrawn on the 1st of April next.

The Hong Kong Government will give careful consideration to such representations of the point raised in the last question as may be made by the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce or by British shipping firms.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY CASE REHEARD.**KOWLOON'S STOUT-HEARTED CATTLE DEALER.**

The case in which four men are charged with attempted armed robbery at the quarters of a cattle dealer in Ma Tau Kok Road, Kowloon City, was reheard before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday. Part of the hearing had already been taken before Mr. W. Schofield.

Detective Inspector Fallon, prosecuted while Mr. Arthur Covey appeared for the second and fourth defendants. All defendants pleaded not guilty.

Outlining the case Inspector Fallon said that the cattle dealer lived in an unnumbered house at Kowloon City with a number of men. At about 8.30 p.m. on November 19 four men knocked at the front door, and stating that they were police officers demanded to search the place. The cattle dealer refused. One of the intruders replied by attacking him while another drew a revolver and threatened him. Despite their threats the old man shouted for help and the robbers became afraid and ran away. The cattle dealer and the others in the house set up a chase and the first defendant was caught. As a result of information obtained from the first defendant the police were able to arrest the other three men.

Inspector Fallon said that the defendants denied the charge, except the third defendant, who admitted the attempt to rob the old cattle dealer. There was not enough evidence against the fourth defendant to ask for a committal.

Mr. Covey asked the Magistrate, in view of this to discharge the fourth defendant immediately. The Magistrate thought it better to carry on with the evidence first.

The witnesses who had already given evidence in the case were then recalled.

NO RENT RESTRICTIONS.**PROBLEMS FOR ECONOMIC LAWS.**

At yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., asked whether, in view of recent discussions, it was the Government's policy (a) to impose rent restrictions or (b) to appoint a Fair Rent Board, or (c) to increase the length of notice to quit on a monthly tenancy to a period longer than one month.

The Colonial Secretary replied that the answer was in the negative.

Sir Henry also asked if it was the Government's policy to leave the above matters to economic laws and to the terms of the contracts entered into between the parties.

TWO VICIOUS YOUNGSTERS.**GAOL AND BIRCH.****A ROUND OF THEFTS.**

Two Chinese youths, who were charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton yesterday with larceny and receiving stolen goods, were both sentenced to terms of imprisonment and ordered to be birched.

Inspector Macdonald, who prosecuted, said that an informer watched the two defendants and another youngster steal a number of things at different places, before he arrested them. They first came to the watchman's notice when they tried to sell a pair of shoes to a cobbler. The cobbler refused to purchase the shoes, but the youths readily parted with them for a "song" to another party and this circumstance roused the watchman's suspicion. He followed the youths and saw them steal a bar of soap from one shop and sell it to a man in Swatow Street.

They then entered several houses in Stone Nullah Lane, but apparently could not lay their hands on anything. The defendants were next seen near the Wanchai market where they stole a gold and rattan bangle from the wrist of a child, which an old woman was carrying on her back. They took the bangle to a pawnshop and after they had obtained some money for it, the watchman challenged them and seized one of the defendants, who immediately pulled out a knife and made a stab at him, fortunately, without serious effect.

The first defendant was sentenced to six months and 10 strokes of the birch. "You are a vicious youngster," said his Worship, "and you pretend to be younger than you are in order to get lighter punishment." The second defendant was sentenced to six months and 16 strokes.

THE VANISHED WITNESSES.**EXTRADITION CHARGE HAS TO BE ADJOURNED.**

The extradition proceedings commenced a fortnight ago, against a Chinese who is wanted by the Canton authorities for the murder of a woman in Au Chun village on April 27, 1927 were to have been continued yesterday afternoon, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, but owing to the absence of certain witnesses for the prosecution a remand until this afternoon was ordered.

A witness, who had formerly given evidence and two women, who had specially made the trip from the village to Hong Kong were to have been called, but Mr. L. R. Andrews, Assistant Crown Solicitor, who prosecuted, informed his Worship that they could not be found.

The party, it appeared, had arrived in Hong Kong and up till 1 p.m. yesterday was with Detective Inspector Reynolds, but they went away for a meal and did not return.

His Worship informed Mr. Hin Shing Lo, for the defence, that if these witnesses did not make an appearance, he would hear the evidence for the defence.

Addressing Detective Inspector Reynolds, Mr. Hamilton added "Next time these witnesses go out for food, I suggest they be entertained by detectives."

"LEVANTE" DOES HIS "STUNT."**HUGE CROWDS AT KOWLOON.**

A crowd second in size only to that at a football match gathered on the Police Pier and No. 1 Wharf of the Kowloon Godown Company yesterday evening to see "Levante" take his plunge, fully manacled, into the harbour.

Promptly at 5.15 p.m. "Levante" put off from the Pier in a large sampan upon which a platform was erected. Before the large crowds he was handcuffed, with hands behind his back, and his legs were secured also. He wore a "seamy" bathing costume with a coloured band.

When all was ready he leaped into the sea with a huge splash, and amid cheers from the crowd. He remained below for exactly 25 seconds during which time the crowd held its breath in suspense. On coming to the surface with hands free, he was greeted with a round of cheers and clapping.

The last time "police equipment" was similarly "evaded" was when an "Australian magician" was suspended upside down, in a police straight jacket, from a fire escape. He got out of the jacket and dropped to the ground, right was up.

JARDINE'S BAZAAR ROBBERY.**FORMER ACCUSED TURNS KING'S EVIDENCE.****ACCUSATIONS AGAINST A PRISONER.**

Members of a Chinese family representing three generations were among witnesses who gave evidence at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, when two men were on trial before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) and a jury, in connection with an armed robbery at 60, Jardine's Bazaar, first floor, at 8.30 a.m. on November 8.

The first accused, Ip To, was charged with robbery of money and jewellery, the greater part of which belonged to a young waitress named Lam Kam, a sub-tenant of the floor. The second accused, Lo Cheuk, who was shown to be also a sub-tenant, had to answer a charge of assisting the robbers in that he was alleged to have opened the door for him.

Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney-General, in indicating the nature of the evidence he was going to call, produced two detached scissors/blades which he said served the purpose of daggers in intimidating the occupants. One blade according to the evidence was found near the staircase of the floor, while the other was picked up in the lane down which the robbers ran away.

It was alleged that, besides the second accused, there were three men who took an active part in the robbery, including the first accused. The latter was caught after a long chase immediately after the robbery.

Principal Tenant's Evidence.

A married woman, who was the principal tenant of the floor, stated that she was in the cubicle with her children and the second accused when the robbers, preceded by the first accused, entered and forced her into a rear cubicle where she was kept while the first accused stood guard at the door. Witness was threatened with a dagger. The second accused also followed her into the rear cubicle, but she did not observe any threats directed towards him by the three strangers.

Witness continued that while she was thus imprisoned she took the opportunity of throwing a slipper into the yard, thereby attracting the attention of a doctor on the ground floor, who came up to investigate why she did this and she beckoned to him. The robbers then bolted from the floor, and at the time she heard a struggle on the staircase apparently with the doctor who was there asking the cause of the trouble.

The woman's daughter in her evidence said that she went out at 7 a.m. to deliver some eggs, returning an hour later, when the door was opened for her by her grandmother. Witness was certain that she put back the bolt properly before she entered her mother's cubicle.

Looking for a Robber!

Among the many witnesses was a man named Poon Ha, who stated that he knew both the accused. Witness alleged that he was present with the two men on November 8 when the second accused suggested that he should go and rob the waitress of her jewellery. Witness excused himself on the ground that he was too busy at the ice factory to do such a thing, but pressed further, he admitted that he suggested that the first accused should carry out the crime.

Witness further said that the robbery was planned for the morning of November 8. Another meeting took place the evening before the robbery outside a tea-house. All three were present at the meeting, but witness denied that he took any further part in the affair.

Statements by Prisoners.

The first accused made a lengthy statement in which he said that he was induced by other people to go with them and stand at the door. He was promised a share of the spoils. Being of a covetous nature he agreed, but he did not ascend the stairs. When a police whistle was blown and the others ran away, he did the same although he was unfortunately caught. "It was a moment's mistake," he added.

In his statement, second accused alleged that he was beaten by the police and made to confess. Further that he was promised his freedom if he gave evidence against Poon Ha who was also under arrest at one time. Poon Ha then turned round and gave false evidence against him, partly because of a grudge and partly because of the police offer to set him free. The police had also promised to protect him if he gave evidence.

During the proceedings, Sub-Inspector Murphy was questioned about the allegations of assault, and he emphatically denied that he struck the second accused or had knowledge of other detectives doing so.

(Continued at foot of next column.)**ROUND THE COURTS.****HAWKERS COMMENDED.**

Two Chinese hawkers who chased and arrested a snatcher, were commended by Mr. E. W. Hamilton yesterday for their prompt and successful action.

The snatcher attacked a woman at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday near the Gas Works, and managed to snatch her handbag. The woman put up a struggle and at the same time called for assistance. The hawkers, seeing what was happening, ran to the woman's assistance and had no difficulty in arresting the snatcher, who was yesterday sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

CANE FOR YOUTH.

Convicted on a charge of possession of a knife fit for a felonious purpose, a youth of 12 was sentenced to twelve strokes of the cane, and to remain under Police supervision for a year.

The boy was arrested following a snatching incident, but as the man who made the arrest had not come forward as a witness, there was no evidence on this count.

The article stolen was a gold ornament from the cap of a child, who was being carried on a young girl's back when the theft occurred. Failing to substantiate the charge of theft, the police preferred an alternate charge of being in possession of a knife fit for a felonious purpose. It appeared that the ornament had been severed from the cap with a sharp weapon.

"EVEREADY" TRADE MARK COPIED.

Four Chinese firms, the Nam King Manufacturing Co., of Pitt Street, the Wai Nam Manufacturing Co., the Tai Tung Manufacturing Co., and Pui Cheung Printing firm of Waterloo Road, were summoned before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday for being in possession of labels bearing colourable imitations of the "Eveready" trade mark. The summonses were taken out by Mr. R. V. Farrell of the "Eveready" Manufacturers, and Mr. D. H. Blake prosecuted on behalf of the complainant.

Mr. Hin Shing Lo appeared for the first named company and Mr. F. X. d'Almada, jr., was for the second firm.

Mr. Blake applied for the withdrawal of the summonses against the second and third firms. The defendants in these cases had given up both the labels and the blocks from which the labels had been printed. They had further paid compensation to the complainants and signed an undertaking.

Both these summonses were accordingly withdrawn.

Mr. Blake asked the Magistrate to fix a date for the hearing of the other two summonses and handed in a new set of charges which, he remarked, all boiled down to the same thing.

The hearing was fixed for Monday afternoon.

AUCTIONEER'S PRIZE CHICKENS.

Five Leghorn prize chickens, the property of Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa of 39, Granville Road were stolen by two young Chinese boys, who were ordered to receive 12 strokes of the birch by the Kowloon Magistrate. It was stated the chickens were prize birds and cost \$8 each.

MASON'S' FREE FIGHT.

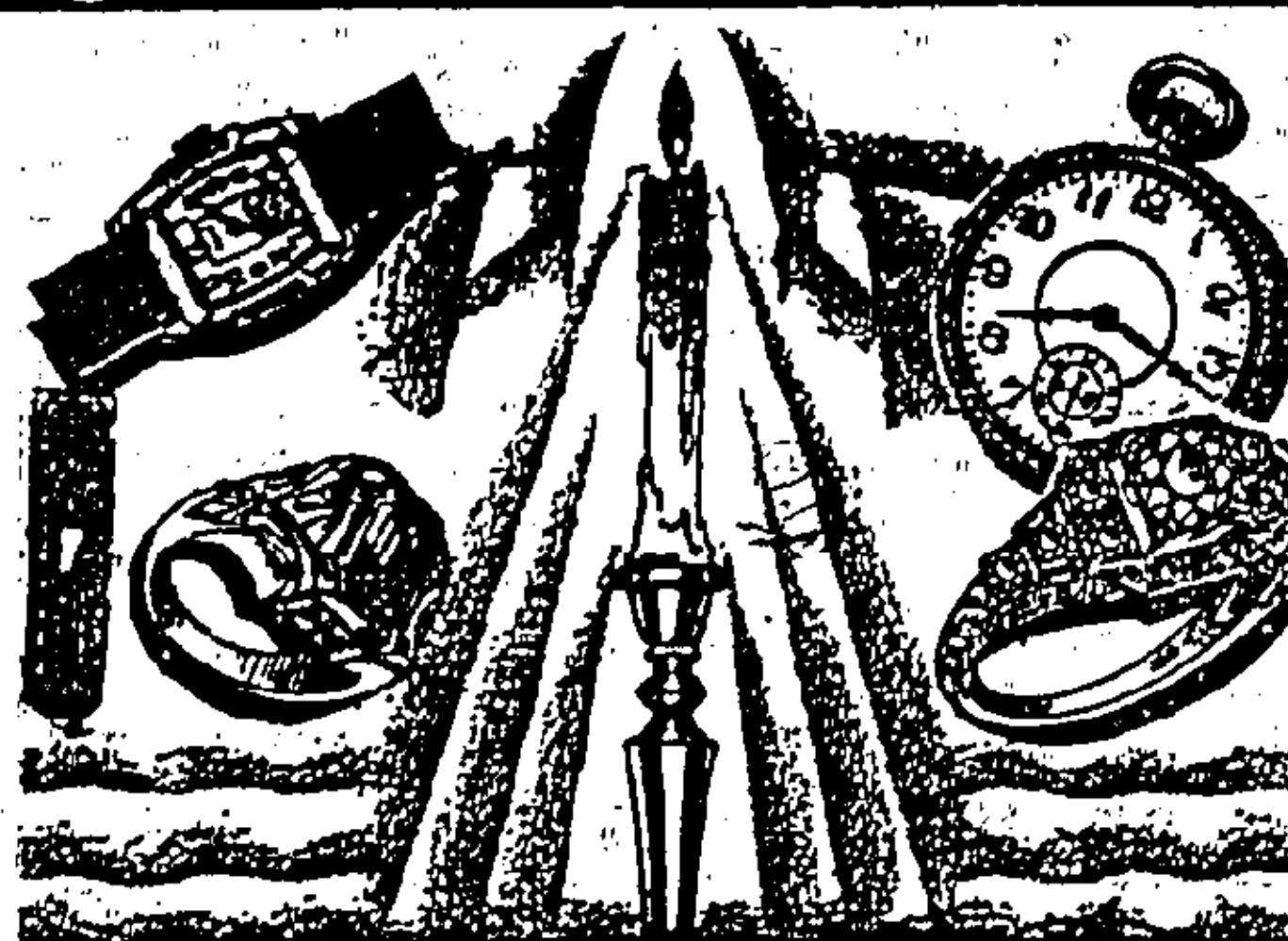
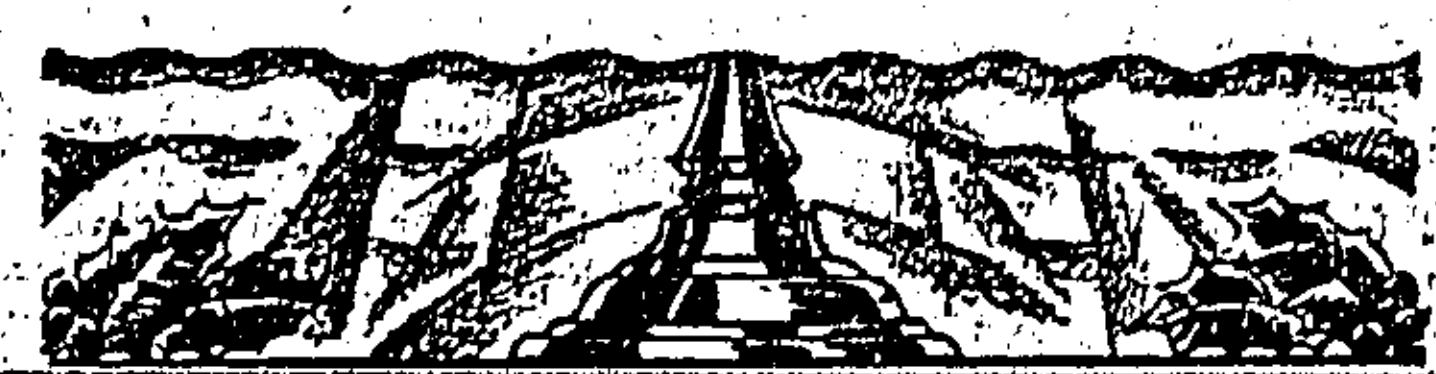
Six Chinese, five of whom had their heads bandaged, were before Mr. Whyte Smith for disorderly conduct. It was stated that a fight took place between a number of masons and carpenters as to the disposal of some waste pieces of wood. The masons wanted the wood for firewood, but the carpenters thought otherwise.

All defendants were ordered to sign bonds for the future behaviour.

Prisoners Found Guilty.

The jury found both prisoners guilty, adding a recommendation for leniency in the case of the second accused.

His Lordship passed sentence of two years' imprisonment with hard labour for the first accused and one year for the other.

This case concluded the present month's Sessions.**FOR BETTER TOYS****COME TO****LANE, CRAWFORD'S****THE BEST SHOW IN TOWN****HORNBY TRAINS & CLOCK WORK MOTORS****ALSO THE****"BLUE BIRD" & "GOLDEN ARROW" MOTOR CARS****Open Until 6 p.m. To-day.****TABLE GRANDS From \$100.****Less 10% Discount for Cash.****The Anderson, Music Co., Ltd.****JUST RECEIVED****The Very Latest in****PLATINUM AND DIAMOND JEWELLERY AND WATCHES.****FANCY CIGARETTE CASES LEATHER AND BEADED BAGS. AT REASONABLE PRICES.****SUITABLE GIFTS FOR XMAS.****An Inspection of our Stocks will delight You.****SENNET FRERES.****YORK BUILDING.****CHATER ROAD.**

The Regatta of 1879 was opened yesterday. The weather was so that could be desired for rowing smooth water, and not too cold, but there was very little wind for the yachts and open sailing boats, and these events were consequently rather slow affairs. The canoe races were also rather tame, the strong tide spoiling the start. The rowing races were for the most part well contested, the Chairman's Cup was won by the German Cup but resulting in good races. The single pair sculling-races were, however, as usual of the tamest possible description, the junior sculls being little better than a walk-over, while the senior sculls was scratched altogether. The races for gigs, houseboats, and men-o-war gigs and whalers were so completely disputed, the men-o-war contributing all the excitement to the success of the regatta, five boats by their powers of propulsion. In the race for men-o-war boats the Chinese won, as they generally do, their long, slender strokes giving them a good advantage. The vicious, snatchy start of the men-o-war is a feature of generally noticeable in European men-o-war men has been noticeable in the past of the Club and Garrison's crews, but a recent acquisition to the Recreation Club, Captain Geary, R.A., a good practical man on the water, has been trying to get the men-o-war to start with respect, and it is due to this gentleman to say that the two crews to whom he had acted as coach in their training came in with flying colours, namely Travers's crew won the Chairman's Cup and the Germans in the second race. The P. O. steamer Malacca was, as former years the flagship, and the Dock Company's steam-frog conveyed the guests on-board and brought them back—Hong Kong Daily Press, December 20, 1879.

C.E.R. DISPUTE SETTLED?

RESTORATION OF STATUS QUO.

MORE PARLEYS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, Dec. 19. It is reported from Harbin that Tsai Yun Sheng and Simanovsky at Harbin have reached an agreement, of which the following are the principal terms:—

First, a formal conference must be called within a month, in accordance with the terms of the 1924 Moscow-Mukden Agreement. The conference must complete the work within six months.

Second, the *status quo ante* must be restored, after which the railway must be operated as a joint commercial enterprise.

Third, neither party may take any action inimical to the other.

Fourth, prisoners on both sides will be unconditionally released.

Fifth, Mukden agrees to abstain from oppression of Soviet citizens and institutions.

Sixth, Consulates and Trade Commissions will be re-established on both sides.

Seventh, a joint commission will be appointed to assess damages suffered by both sides during the dispute.

Powers' Attitude.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Mander asked what countries had associated themselves with the initiative of the United States in appealing to China and Soviet Russia to observe their obligations under the Kellogg Pact.

Mr. Henderson replied that the French and Italian Governments had taken the same steps as the United States and Great Britain in the matter. Replies had been received by the United States Government from a number of other governments, approving of the proposal made to them.

The fact that direct negotiations had been begun between the Soviet and the Chinese Governments no doubt made it seem unnecessary to many other governments to follow suit.

COLD DAYS IN PEPING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, December 19. Sudden low temperatures, accompanied by snow and piercing winds since Sunday, have resulted in many deaths here.

No less than 21 people frozen to death were found by the police this week.

CAPTURED MISSIONARY.

CHINESE TROOPS SENT TO FIND HIM.

Mr. Sandy, the missionary who was captured by bandits on December 14 is believed to have been taken to the hills at Yang Sin Chen. Chinese troops have been sent to endeavour to locate him.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. OBATA.

NANKING DOES NOT AGREE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Dec. 19. The *Central Daily News*, the official organ of the National Government, states that the Government has decided not to agree to the appointment of Mr. Obata, and the Foreign Office has been instructed to communicate its decision to the Japanese Government. This action is stated to have been taken following the opposition of numerous Chinese public bodies to the appointment of Obata.

AUSTRALIAN MINERS' STRIKE.

THE LAW IN CONTROL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SYDNEY, December 19. In the Federal Arbitration Court to-day Judge Beby ordered work to be resumed by December 20. All mines in the Newcastle area will be on the pre-stoppage wage rates.

The award is operative only until December 31, without prejudice to disputes in connection with the dispute. A full hearing of the dispute is scheduled for January 22. The judge joined the State Government as a party to the dispute. The State Government has decided to apply to the High Court for an injunction to restrain the Federal Arbitration Court exercising jurisdiction.

THE NIGERIAN RIOTS.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT ISSUED.

"PRIMITIVE PEOPLE."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 18. The Colonial Office states that the disturbances in Nigeria occurred in the Provinces of Owerri, Ogoja and Calabar.

In the House of Commons, a statement of the trouble was made by Dr. Shields, the Under-Secretary of State for India.

He said that additional police were brought in to deal with the situation and were reinforced by detachments of the Royal West African Frontier Force.

On December 15, the Governor reported that there were sufficient troops and police on the spot to deal with the situation.

On the 16th, he reported that it had been necessary to introduce additional troops and police.

This action was due to the fact that rioters had attacked officials at Opohe.

It had been necessary for the police to fire, causing 18 casualties, which, the Governor regretted to say, were all women. It was not stated how many were fatal.

The districts in question were a long way from headquarters and the people were still largely in a primitive condition.

It would probably be some time before the situation became quite clear.

Telegraphing last night, the Governor reported that the situation round Abu was now satisfactory and that every effort was being made to avoid further bloodshed.

BRITAIN'S PLACE IN THE WORLD.

MR. SNOWDEN'S OPINION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 19. Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Snowden were to-day granted the freedom of the City of London at the Guildhall, with traditional ceremony. Most of the Cabinet Ministers were present.

Mr. MacDonald, in his reply, hoped and prayed that his visit to the United States would result in establishing an enduring peace in the world. Nothing was more necessary, he said, than Anglo-American co-operation for the advance of righteousness in the world.

Mr. Snowden, referring to the Hague, said that good international relations would never be secured unless upon foundations of justice. The Hague Conference resulted in a truer appreciation of Britain's position, with a willingness to recognise Britain's just claim, and the conference members parted the best of friends.

THE INDIAN QUESTION.

"A NEW SPIRIT IS ABROAD."

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 18. The House of Commons to-night debated the political situation in India on the motion of Mr. Fenner Brockway welcoming the co-operation of Indians in the settlement of the constitutional question and relying on the Government of India to encourage goodwill by sympathetic administration.

The speakers dwelt on the improved outlook, and Labour members urged consideration of the cases of all political prisoners. Mr. Wedgwood Benn, the Secretary of State for India, said regarding the prosecutions, that a new spirit was abroad in India. We were closing a painful chapter and, on the general position, we were all working to one definite goal. We were moving towards uniform goodwill in India.

The Viceroy considered the re-enactment of the Public Safety Ordinance unnecessary. Mr. Wedgwood Benn maintained that in a number of ways Dominion status already operated and that India was proceeding rapidly to the fulfilment.

The round-table conference proposed would be fully representative and open to all. It was not intended as a sop to Indian opinion, but to bring the light of Indian opinion to bear upon the situation and to help us in the solution of the difficulties. We were entering upon a new era which might be the greatest in the history of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

"YOUNG MAN, GO WEST."

THE TIDE OF LONDON'S TRADE.

CECIL HOTEL SOLD.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 19. Another stage in the move of business from the city to the west was marked by the signature of a contract to-day for the sale of the Hotel Cecil site in the Strand to Shell Mex, Ltd.

[Mr. J. Douglas Broad, the chairman of the Hotel Cecil Company, speaking at a meeting of the shareholders, last month in London, said:—

"Shareholders will have seen in the Press a statement that the hotel has been sold or is about to be sold. That statement was not authorised by the directors.

"We have never placed the property on the market, but naturally such a unique freehold site attracted prospective buyers. We have had several suggestions for the sale of the property from persons attracted by the site, but we have given them no encouragement.

"Recently we have been approached by people in the front line of enterprise, and certain conversations have taken place, but I want you to understand that conversations do not make a contract.

"We have continued to carry out the plans arranged for the improvement of the hotel. If there is any change in the situation the shareholders will be informed of it."

The Reuter message printed above indicates that the "change in the situation" has come about, also that the earlier rumours were well-founded.]

PALESTINE TROUBLE.

THE GOVERNMENT'S ASSURANCES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 18. In the House of Commons to-day, Dr. Shiels, Under-Secretary for India, confirmed that Dr. Berkowitz was shot at and wounded on December 3 at Safed, in Palestine, and his condition was serious. He added that ten minutes later, at the same place, a Customs officer was shot at and wounded. The British Government was satisfied that the Palestine Government was capable of maintaining order in that country, but it was, of course, impossible to guarantee, in Palestine or elsewhere, that isolated cases might not occur of offences against life and property.

UPHEAVAL IN SEA BED.

CABLE COMPANIES LOSE HEAVILY.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

HALIFAX, N.S., Dec. 18. Eight cable repair steamers have not yet succeeded in repairing the three undersea cables. Ships now here refuelling report that grappling operations indicate there has been a tremendous upheaval, and cracking of the ocean bed off Newfoundland, but no radical change in the depth of the sea bed.

Difficulties encountered are mainly due to the changed nature of the sea bed, and deposits of clay on the grappling irons, instead of the usual soft ooze. The area affected extends approximately 300 miles north and south, and 100 miles east and west. The loss to the cable companies before repairs can be effected, will amount to several hundred thousand dollars.

BRAZILIAN POLICY.

PROMISES OF A CANDIDATE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 19. Senor Julio Prestes, the candidate for presidency of the Republic at the election next March in a speech outlining his policy, said that monetary reform would be completed by making notes convertible into gold.

The Bank of Brazil would be transformed into a central bank, empowered to issue convertible currency, and a complete national banking system would be organised. He would endeavour to stimulate production, especially cotton, wheat, rubber, cocoa, and timber, and he would try to organise the metal industry. Everything would be done to uphold the coffee industry without rushing to extremes in regard to keeping up values or incurring risks of official intervention, which would always be dangerous.

TRAGEDY OF R.A.F. FLIGHT.

CRASH INTO MOUNTAIN SIDE.

BOTH OFFICERS KILLED.

[REUTER AND BRITISH WIRELESS.]

LONDON, Dec. 18. In the House of Lords to-day, Lord Thomson announced that he had heard from the British Consul-General at Tunis that an Air Force monoplane flying to the Cape had crashed 20 miles south of Tunis. Both officers were killed, but there were no further details.

Tragic Factor of Time.

From details available it would appear that the R.A.F. plane crashed occurred at the hour between sunset and moonrise, during a severe storm. It is assumed that the airman in the darkness and the storm were attempting to round a spur of the Atlas Mountains, which is about 3,000 feet high, when the disaster occurred. By a combination of unforeseen circumstances they arrived at the most difficult part of the journey at the worst possible time from the point of view of light.

A higher speed and an earlier start—these left Cranwell aerodrome an hour later than had been arranged—would have brought them to the Atlas Mountains in the last of the daylight. Had their speed not considerably exceeded expectations, a late start would not have mattered much since they would have had moonlight for the passage over the mountainous region.

These factors of time and speed, coupled with the presence of storm and cloud in a dangerous region, is believed to have led to the crash, at a moment when in a few minutes the most hazardous stage of the flight would have been passed.

Dead in the Desert.

TUNIS, Dec. 19.

An examination of the papers in the pockets of the dead pilots confirmed that the plane was wrecked on a mountain near the village of Sainte Marie, north of Zaghouan.

The accident was doubtless due to a storm, and the fact that the fliers when they attempted to land were unable, in the darkness, to see the roughness of the locality.

The first news of the tragedy was brought by native horsemen, who chanced to pass the scene of the disaster, and who immediately notified the Civil Controller of the district, but owing to the rough and uninhabited character of the locality the plane was only found late on in the afternoon.

A detachment of soldiers are guarding the wreck.

Irony!

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. F. Montague, Under-Secretary for Air, questioned regarding the progress in developing the Cairo-to-Cape air route, said the proposals for this service had been agreed in principle with the various Governments concerned and had also been accepted by the Imperial Airways Company. Various preparatory details of the organising service were in hand.

Satisfactory arrangements had been made regarding the ground organisation within the Union of South Africa. The first section of the service was expected to be ready in June, 1930, and the second half about six months later.

FRANCE'S VIEW ON ARMAMENTS.

A LITTLE MORE DELAY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, December 18. Mr. Tardieu, Briand, and Leygues explained the attitude of the French Government proposes to adopt at the London Naval Conference to the Foreign Affairs and Naval Committees in the Chamber.

It is stated that France will adhere to the standpoint that naval disarmament cannot be settled separately at the London Conference, decisions at which must form the basis for a League of Nations conference on the limitation of all armaments.

ITALY AND THE SILK MARKET.

ACTION TAKEN!

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ROME, December 18. Signor Mussolini presided at a meeting here to-day to consider the situation of the silk market for the viewpoint of its immediate consequences to the textile industry, and its remoter effects on Italy's economic position.

It was resolved to establish immediately a financial syndicate under the auspices of the Government for the purpose of stemming the present instability in prices and regulating the silk market.

BRITAIN'S NAVAL NEEDS.

QUESTIONS RAISED IN PARLIAMENT.

THRASHING IT OUT.

[REUTER AND BRITISH WIRELESS.]

LONDON, Dec. 18. In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Kelly asked what would be the saving on the Naval estimates if, for each of the next three years, it was decided not to replace any battleships now in commission, and secondly, what would be the additional saving if half the number of battleships now in commission were scrapped.

Mr. Ammon replied that the battleship replacement programme contained in the Washington Naval Agreement provided for two new battleships to be laid down by the British Empire in 1931, and two more in 1932, assuming that such were the maximum permissible displacement. The estimated cost would be 1930 nil, in 1931 £1,030,000 and in 1932 £2,035,000.

As regards the second part of the question the annual cost of maintenance of eight of the sixteen existing battleships was roughly £2,300,000, of which £1,500,000 was for pay, allowances, insurance, and victualling. He was unable to say what would be the actual effect on the Naval estimates of the policy indicated by the questioner.

German "Mystery Ship."

The House of Lords to-day, debated the reduction of British cruisers on a motion by Lord Stanhope, who instanced Germany as a non-participant in the Washington Conference, who legitimately built a 10,000-ton cruiser, well armed and too fast to be caught by a battleship, and too powerful to be handled by any cruiser under the Washington limitations.

The only vessel capable of coping with the situation was a battle cruiser, and the maintenance of battle cruisers would necessitate a larger number of battleships than otherwise necessary.

Lord Beatty's View.

Lord Beatty declared that Britain was approaching the conference with figures representing a dangerous minimum. The extreme low limit of cruiser tonnage caused apprehension to those who had given consideration to that vital question.

Lord Beatty said he was unable to understand how parity on cruisers might be achieved, unless it were to be a parity having regard to the commitments and obligations of each nation.

Government Answer.

Lord Thomson gave assurance that the Government policy *vis-à-vis* the security of the Empire, was unaltered by a single point, and said that if the Conference succeeded the Government was confident that the Admiralty would be able to continue adequately to discharge its responsibilities of Naval defence. He assured Lord Beatty that the Government had carefully noted his remarks.

Lord Thomson declared that the Government did not intend to use the Singapore Scheme as a bargaining counter at the naval conference.

The Government was entering upon the conference with clean hands and if they achieved the hands-for success, they would be able to apply some of the results of the agreement to the Singapore Scheme. That was the only reason why work had been delayed.

If any proposal affecting the scheme as a whole or the date of its completion was ventured, it would be made only after full consultation with the Governments of the Dominions, of Malaya and Hong Kong.

VINDICATION OF MR. MACANDREWS.

"BIG BILL" THOMPSON'S VICTIM.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 19. Mr. William MacAndrews, who was dismissed from the superintendence of public schools in Chicago at the height of Mayor "Big Bill" Thompson's campaign for "free American schools without the influence of the English King George," won a suit against the city administration to-day, the judge ruling that he was not guilty of insubordination, for which he was ostensibly dismissed.

Mr. MacAndrews decided to waive the right to sue the city for arrears of salary and was satisfied with vindicating himself.

FURNESS LINE SINKS.

COLLISION NEAR NEW YORK.

CAPTAIN'S HEROISM.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, December 19. The Furness liner Fort Victoria, 7,784 tons, with 250 passengers sank after a collision outside New York harbour with the Clyde liner Algonquin, which was carrying 180 passengers.

The collision happened in a fog. All aboard the Fort Victoria were safely transferred to a pilot boat after the accident.

A Gallant Captain.

New York, Dec. 19.

"Women and children first" was the order given quietly and implicitly obeyed aboard the Fort Victoria, after the sharp bows of the Algonquin deeply gashed her port side, and it became evident that all aboard must leave as quickly as possible, if a great loss of life was to be prevented.

The papers here pay tribute to the coolness of Captain Francis for his discipline with the crew of the ship, in an accident which might easily have had consequences, comparable with those following the sinking of the British steamer Vestris a year ago.

The collision occurred when the Fort Victoria slowed up to drop her harbour pilot. The Algonquin, which was following behind, had not to do this, as she is a coastal ship.

When the Algonquin loomed out of a dense fog it was too late to avoid a crash. The Fort Victoria's S.O.S. signals brought many rescue craft, to which her passengers were transferred. Captain Francis and a dozen men remained aboard vainly hoping to have the crippled ship towed to the pier, until the water was knee-deep on the deck. Then they jumped overboard and swam to the nearby tug. Capt. Francis was the last man to leave the ship.

BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE TO RUSSIA.

STRAIGHT TALK FROM MR. HENDERSON.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 19. At his own request all the Dominions will be specially protected from Soviet propaganda. This announcement was made by Mr. Henderson in the House of Commons, in the course of a debate on the Conservative motion disapproving of the methods of the Government in their conduct of negotiations with the Soviet.

Mr. Henderson said it had been arranged that at the presentation of M. Sokolnikoff's credentials at the end of the week, there would be an exchange of Notes between the British and Russian Governments, covering propaganda between the United Kingdom and the Soviet.

Also, at the request of the Dominions, there would be a supplementary Note in which each Dominion would be specially mentioned as giving exactly the same undertaking as was secured on the question of propaganda for the United Kingdom.

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Telegram in Brief.

The French airmen, Le Brix and Rossi, have reached India and are flying to Allahabad.

It has been agreed that before the Hague Conference reassembles on January 6 there shall be a meeting on January 3, of jurists representing the Powers engaged in the Conference.

Senator Swanson of Virginia has introduced a Bill in the Senate with the object of promoting Command Byrd to the rank of Rear-Admiral, in recognition of his explorations in the Antarctic.

The Fascist grand Council has approved the constitution of the Fascist Party and has passed a resolution inviting all who are unable wholly and unreservedly to conform to the strict discipline of the party to resign within a week.

In the House of Commons, replying to questions about airship R101, Mr. F. Montague said that modifications were being made which the trials had shown to be desirable. It was proposed further to increase the efficiency of the airship by the insertion of an additional bag. The airship would resume flying as soon as the alterations were completed.

WEAK LIBERAL THREAT.

COAL BILL DEBATE SIDELIGHTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 19. A meeting of Liberals decided, with only two dissentients, that the Government's replies to Sir Herbert Samuel's queries in connection with the Coal Bill were unsatisfactory, and unless they received full assurances before dinner to-morrow they would vote against the Bill.

This, however, does not mean that the Government must be defeated, in view of the marked falling off in the Conservatives' attendances recently.

FRANCE AND THE HOLY SEE.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR PARTIAL RECOGNITION.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—Despite semi-official denials, circles that are usually well formed, maintain that negotiations were started some time ago by the Holy See with the French Government, with the object of obtaining at least a partial official recognition for the Catholic Church, especially with regard to the dignities of the Church and their ranking at State ceremonies.

The negotiations have, as their further object, the question of religious teaching by the clergy at the higher schools.

In the event of these negotiations proving successful, the result would mean a fundamental change in the Government's declared attitude towards the Catholic Church in France.

Replying to Sir Austen Chamberlain, Mr. Henderson said that India was not named as a Dominion but was included as part of the British Empire.

Mr. Henderson added that once relations were resumed the Government would watch the question of propaganda in the event of its continuing and would use all diplomatic means to have it discontinued. The Conservative motion, was defeated by 254 votes to 107.



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Sports News

CRICKET NOTES.

SURPRISES AND REGRETS.

There still seems a rather slack spell over local cricket, though, of course, unexpected difficulties do crop up in a most irritating way. When I ventured to prophesy that the Army side should win the Senior League, I was assuming that they would be able to put out their full strength in the field. Their defeat by Craigengower, however, has come as a complete surprise. They had Colonel Christian and A. H. Munson away, Maxwell was batting with a badly damaged hand, and (I believe) none of the Somerset officers were playing. Major Philby I certainly regarded as one of their regular players when I speculated on their success. The reason for their defeat as far as I can see was just bad batting. Craker failed to come off, and so did Reynolds. Omar who is bowling uncommonly well again just now got both of them. But even so, after being all out for 80, the Army might have won, had their bowlers been at the top of their form. Reynolds had 5 for 20, and Wyatt four for twenty-five—most of them scored between his first and his second wicket, but the rest of the bowlers were not much in the picture. I see that they regularly open with the younger Christian and he must have improved a good deal if he is a better starter than Reynolds or Leach. Craigengower's victory really came from their quick and tidy fielding which just turned the scale in what, frankly, was a pretty mediocre cricket. Omar and Lim seemed to me to be two of the mainstays of the Craigengower side.

The Club had to find four or five new people on Saturday morning owing to calling off—but they managed to scramble home somehow or other. They have a very useful new man in Beck who is fairly fast, and the ball comes off the pitch at an appreciably quicker pace than it has through the air. He is also a free left-handed bat, but is inclined to slash a bit. Anderson was unlucky. He had been dropped two balls previously, and did not seem to be seeing them well. He swung at a very short one from Beck, shoulder high and missed it. (Other accounts say he nicked it up a bit.) I myself met with an almost exactly similar experience about four years ago when I can heartily sympathize with Anderson. I learn he is going on very well. Naturally this upset the Varsity batting a bit, but Ride played a beautiful knock, and, incidentally, caught Pearce brilliantly at cover. It was a very sporting declaration, and very sensible as the Club batting was distinctly on the weak side, and might have collapsed. Actually most people got a few quickly, and they just pulled off a win.

Prospective Champions.

With so many draws likely, the definite loss of a game by the Army team must be a very serious handicap to their chance of winning the League, though it does not put them out of the hunt entirely. They will have to win the vast proportion of their matches outright, however, if they wish to collect the shield. The Club and Kowloon are definitely ahead of them, and I rather prefer the chances of the former if they can play their proper side with E. J. R. Mitchell, Owen Hughes, and H. R. Hancock on the side as well as Pearce, Bowker, Reid and Co. Kowloon are, of course, very much strengthened by the return of Frank Goodwin. I had not seen them losing many matches but I was doubtful if they would be bowling to get their opponents out in time. Goodwin, if in form, may make all the difference. But in view of their draw against the Navy, Kowloon are definitely less well placed than the Club, especially as they lose the C.R.C. points since the Chinese have dropped out after playing less than a quarter of their fixtures.

Bigger Wickets.

I have heard this question mentioned in the Colony. Curiously enough I was just reading the remarks of a contemporary scribe, when I got a letter from R. L. Braddell telling me, among other things, that they are having a meeting at the Singapore Cricket Club to discuss the question, but that he thinks it is a suggestion which will be undoubtedly approved. That may be all very well on Malayan wickets, but here I think people (including Malaya) find it quite hard enough to get runs with the present sized wicket. The Singapore Club cabled the M.C.C. and were informed that the position is that some Club sides have been asked to try it out at home in 1930.

I learn it is very unlikely that the new I.b.w. rule would be adopted in the F.M.S. By this I take it, is meant the batsman being out if he has played the ball. Personally I should like to see this come in.

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BRITISH BOXING

HARVEY AND HOOD DRAW AGAIN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 18. In the British Middleweight Championship, Hood and Harvey drew in a fifteen rounds' contest. A later message says that the plucky welter-weight champion, Jack Hood of Birmingham, conceded a half stone to the middleweight champion, Len Harvey. The decision was inclined to be generous to Hood against the strong, hard punching of his opponent, who had a distinct advantage in reach and height. Hood aroused enthusiasm at crowded Olympia. His clever defence parried many of the blows of Harvey, who was reduced to scoring half arm body punches in clinches. Hood's left eye was cut in the first round and his right eye in the sixth, but he finished the fitter man.

CRICKET.

ROYAL NAVY v. R.C.

The following will represent the Royal Navy in Division I. League match v. the R.C. at Sookunpoo, commencing at 2 p.m. tomorrow—

Comdr. F. C. Baker, Eng. Lieut. C. R. P. Bennett, Squadron Leader C. B. Bumpfry, Lieut. C. Cobb, Stoker T. Cross, Sub-Lieut. C. L. L. Glass, Able-Seaman S. N. Laslett, Sub-Lieut. P. C. O. Moseley, Comdr. E. G. Stanley, Lieut. F. M. R. Stephenson, and Lieut. J. P. Wright.

It is very hard for the umpire to see these sticks as a rule, and his task would be lightened, of course, any attempt to make a man I.b.w. by a breaking ball which pitches off the wicket. I should oppose tooth and nail. And so would the great majority of people, especially umpires.

Last Week's Friends.

The cancellation of the C.R.C. v. Navy game left the Civil Service up against six of the Navy First in their match with the Hermes. The game was one of the best examples of the utter folly of trying to play to 5.45 p.m. that I have ever seen. The batsmen occasionally saw the ball against the screens. The fieldsmen never mid-off and cover both made a great attempt to catch a big hit which they subsequently discovered had pitched over the square leg boundary. And so a pleasant game was spoilt in the last quarter of an hour. I do not for one minute suggest the Hermes did not deserve to win—they did. Stevenson played a beautiful knock. (I rather think he played last year on the year before for Portsmouth Service) and hit to leg in a most uncanny way towards the end. The C.S. fielding was slow, though only one hard chance was put down. Their bowlers seem under some awful curse. Most of them send down a lot of good stuff and miss wickets by hairs breadths all the time. But as soon as they put down a bad 'un, chump it goes for four. I believe the way out is shorter spells, frequent changes, and not so much of this working through all your bowlers before putting on the first two again. But Richardson is not a bowler for league cricket on any ground in the Colony except, perhaps, Kowloon. The I.R.C. did not make very much of Kowloon and but for A. A. Ramjall getting 67 they would have been in a sad way. The brothers Fincher as usual got a half century apiece.

To-morrow's Games.

The Indians are at home to the Navy and I rather expect a draw. It is, however, a very sporting match. F. C. Baker is back to skipper the sailors' team, and with Stephenson, J. F. Wright, Bennett, Bumpfry and Stanley to look after the batting they should do well provided that Stephenson can resist getting himself out in the first quarter of an hour and Bumpfry breaks his unlucky patch which reminds me very much of the one experienced by Commander Pelly last year. Laslett, Bennett, Baker and Cross are, I fancy, the bowlers, with Bumpfry who is a very fine swinger if the wind suits him. On the whole the I.R.C. will be doing very well if they win.

I presume the C.R.C. and Craigengower game is scratched, and so there is no other First League game. C.S.C.C. are at home to the Army and will probably get beaten. K.C.C. have a friendly with the University and should have the better of a draw, or win outright. On the Club ground Under Thirty play Over Thirty and I rather fancy the chances of the younger men if (a very big if!) the sides turn out as selected. It will be interesting to see how the new shapes in this game.

R. ABBIT.

HOME FOOTBALL.

LEAGUE MATCHES DURING WEEK-END.

HEAVY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

English League teams in all Divisions have a busy programme of matches commencing to-morrow which will extend over the Christmas holidays. Scottish League teams have no matches apart from Saturday.

The fixtures for Saturday and the coming week are as under:—

SATURDAY.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Birmingham	v.	Sunderland
Blackburn	v.	Manchester C.
Grimby	v.	Wednesday
Huddersfield	v.	Bolton
Leicester	v.	Burnley
Liverpool	v.	Arsenal
Manchester U.	v.	Leeds U.
Middlesbro'	v.	Portsmouth
Newcastle	v.	Derby
Sheffield U.	v.	Everton
West Ham	v.	Aston Villa

Division II.

Barnsley	v.	Bradford C.
Blackpool	v.	Swansea
Bradford	v.	Wolves
Bury	v.	Cardiff
Chelsea	v.	Preston N.E.
Millwall	v.	Reading
Notts Forest	v.	Bristol C.
Oldham	v.	Notts C.
Southampton	v.	Charlton
Tottenham	v.	Hull
West Brom.	v.	Stoke

Division III. (Southern).

Brentford	v.	Walsall
Brighton	v.	Fulham
Bristol R.	v.	Queen's P. R.
Clapton O.	v.	Bournemouth
Coventry	v.	Luton
Merthyr	v.	Gillingham
Newport	v.	Exeter
Plymouth	v.	Crystal P.
Swindon	v.	Norwich
Torquay	v.	Norhampton
Watford	v.	Southend

Division III. (Northern).

Barrow	v.	Halifax
Carlisle	v.	South Shield
Crawley	v.	Hartlepool
Nelson	v.	Accrington
New Brighton	v.	Lincoln
Port Vale	v.	Tranmere
Southport	v.	Darlington
Stockport	v.	Chesterfield
Wigan	v.	Reeddale
Wrexham	v.	Rotherham
York City	v.	Doncaster

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Aberdeen	v.	Falkirk
Airdrie	v.	Hibernians
Ayr United	v.	St. Johnstone
Clyde	v.	Dundee U.
Dundee	v.	Partick
Hamilton	v.	Kilmarnock
Hearts	v.	Celtic
Morton	v.	Cowdenbeath
Queen's Park	v.	St. Mirren
Rangers	v.	Motherwell

CHRISTMAS DAY.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Aston Villa	v.	Manchester C.
Blackburn	v.	Manchester U.
Bolton	v.	Sunderland
Everton	v.	Leeds U.
Grimby	v.	Leicester
Leeds	v.	Derby
Manchester U.	v.	Birmingham
Newcastle	v.	Middlesbro'
Portsmouth	v.	Arsenal
Sheffield U.	v.	Liverpool
West Ham	v.	Huddersfield

Division II.

Blackpool	v.	Chelsea
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Hull	v.	Stoke
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Port Vale	v.	Stockport
Reeddale	v.	Doncaster
Southport	v.	Chesterfield
Tranmere	v.	Wigan
	v.	New Brighton

FOUR CASES OF GLANDERS.

SOME NEW ARRIVALS.

[By "MORNING DEW."]

The outbreak of glanders in the stable, as already mentioned in this paper, has resulted in all the ponies being malleined, and I understand the work was completed yesterday. The first animal which had to be destroyed was Mr. "Ellandee's" Blüth, but three others have been found to be infected, and I am afraid will have to be destroyed. These three include the grey animal which was publicly auctioned at a recent race meeting, and was brought in by Dr. S. T. Wong. Another of the infected ones is a new sub named Zo-Zo, belonging to Mr. Bibbeas. The quarantine on the stables, I understand, was lifted yesterday.

November Back Again.

Readers who have followed local racing news for some time will be pleased to hear that November, once a strong candidate for the 1929 Derby, was brought back to the Colony on Wednesday. November, did not do too well at the 1928 race meeting, although it showed great promise during training. Elliot Bay, as stated previously, returned on Wednesday with five griffins for Mr. Dunbar, who already had one in the stable. These five ponies, a dapple grey, a chestnut, a marble grey, a roan, and a liver chestnut, will no doubt form the centre of attraction when training becomes more intensive.

That useful little sub, The Phantom, is back again looking very fit. Messrs. Hyne's and Mackie's Pickle is also back with us, looking full of life. Peppercorn (last year's griffin) is here too, but not Peterkin. In addition to these the stable has two chestnut and a bay griffins.

Mr. W. T. Stanton brought a griffin down on Wednesday, and a skewball animal arrived on the same boat to carry the colours of Messrs. Tester & Abraham in the Derby, if he is good enough.

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F.A. CUP REPLAYS IN SECOND ROUND.

CARNARVON AND WATFORD ELIMINATED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Two out of the three matches in the second round of the F.A. Cup Competition drawn last Saturday were replayed to-day and resulted in the elimination of Carnarvon and Watford.

Bournemouth qualified to play at Fulham in the next round on January 11. Plymouth Argyle will be at home to Hull City.

The scores were:—

Bournemouth 3 Carnarvon 0

Plymouth 3 Watford 0

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

ANNUAL MATCH FOR SERVICE CHARITIES.

NAVY THE WINNERS.

A large number of officers were present at the Annual Charity game between the Royal Navy and the Army played at Sookunpoo yesterday. H.E. Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., being among those present. H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., who started the game by kicking off for the Navy, was also an interested spectator.

The massed bands of H.M. Ships in harbour played selections on the field before the kick-off and during the interval, the selections being very well received.

Bewley-Bull having won the toss, his Excellency started the game with a kick towards the Army goal. The players soon settled down to business, the Army players being the first to attack. The Navy soon got into their stride and Fletcher was early in the picture saving his charge from several raids. The Navy were the better side in the open and it was left to Fletcher to keep them from scoring.

The R.A. player proved his worth, and it was halfway through the opening half when he had to give way under severe pressure from a hard working Navy forward. Fletcher appeared to fumble a shot from Van Tromp, but recovered and sent out to left. Dickinson returned and Reeves sent the ball into his own goal.

The Army went out to get on terms, but McGregor beat Bewley-Bull. At the other end the Navy forced a corner which was fruitless. The Navy continued to have most of the play and Stephenson scored with a lovely shot.

Being two goals down the Army went out to level up, but the sound defensive play of the Navy kept them out. Fletcher was also kept busy dealing with shots from the Navy left wing.

At half-time the score was Royal Navy 2, Army 1.

Second Half.

During the interval, the match ball presented by Messrs. Lane, Crawford was raffled for and won by ticket No. 1533, the holder being Miss Baskett.

In the opening minutes of the second half the Army were on top but only found the net once. After a series of attacks by the Army, during which Jones and McGregor put in some good play, Reeves put in a kick from the half-way line and Gill trapping the ball about twenty yards out sent in a shot that Jarvis reached but failed to stop.

A couple of easy chances for the Army to score were missed and the Navy after wearing down the attack set up a raid on the Army goal and Firth sent into the net after some clever play by Dickinson.

With a two goals lead the Navy had the game well in hand, and the pace with which the game had been contested appeared to tell on some of the players. The Army made several attempts to get through but were frequently pulled up for offside play. With the Navy swinging the ball about play was transferred and Firth passing to Cann close in the latter beat Fletcher with a well placed shot.

When the final whistle sounded the Navy were winners by four goals to one.

KOWLOON II. v. EASTERN.

The following team has been selected to represent Kowloon Second Eleven v. Eastern on Saturday at the Home ground: Kick off at 2.30 a.m. sharp.

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HOCKEY.

CLUB DE RECREIO v. HONG KONG H.C. "A."

The following will represent Club de Recreio in a hockey match against the Hong Kong Club "A" team at King's Park to-day, at 3 p.m. sharp:—

C. Barros, E. P. Souza, H. J. Noronha, F. V. Ribeiro, F. M. Silva, F. Barros, F. J. Remedios, A. M. Xavier, J. de Figueiredo, H. A. Noronha, and J. A. de V. Soares.

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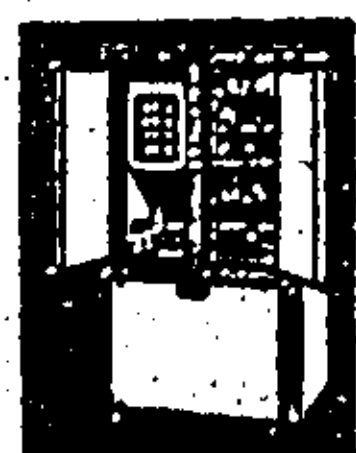
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HONG KONG RIFLE LEAGUE.

REVIVED UNDER THE OLD
CONDITIONS

COMING MEETING.

In view of the widespread dis-
appointment felt that Hong Kong
did not this year compete in the
Interport Rifle Shoot, Mr. C. H.
Summers, the late Secretary of the
Hong Kong Rifle League, and
others approached Mr. B. Wylie
with a view to calling a meeting
of those previously connected with
the League at which the question of
resuscitating the League and mak-
ing arrangements for future inter-
port events could be discussed.

A meeting was held on December
19 in the Board Room of
the *Morning Post* Building, at
which there were present:—Mr. T.
Swan, Mr. D. Walmsley and Mr.
C. H. Summers, all of the Tai Koo
Rifle Club; Mr. F. Young and Mr.
F. Lakey, of the Naval Dockyard
Rifle Club; Sergeant A. W. Rit-
chie, representing the Hong Kong
Police; Mr. F. C. Goodman, repre-
senting the Hong Kong Volunteer
Defence Corps; and Mr. B. Wylie,
who was asked to preside.

The Finances.

Mr. Summers made an explana-
tory statement concerning the
affairs of the old League, and
produced a balance sheet, dated
April, 1928, showing cash in hand
amounting to \$41.08. The sum of
\$24 was also due to the League
from one of the competing teams
in a rifle meeting held in March,
1928, making a total credit of
\$65.08. Against this was an out-
standing account of \$12 12s. in
respect of miniature interport
shields supplied from Home.

It was proposed by Mr. Good-
man and seconded by Mr. Swan
that the Hong Kong Rifle League
be revived under old conditions.
This was carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. Lakey
and seconded by Sergeant Ritchie
that a general meeting be called
early in the new year for the pur-
pose of electing officers and com-
mittee. This was unanimously
agreed to, it being also decided to
approach the Volunteer Defence
Corps to loan a room at Headquar-
ters for this purpose.

A general discussion took place
concerning the financial aspect of
the proposed League and sugges-
tions were formulated which will
be submitted to the general meet-
ing for approval.

Need of New Range.

The question of a suitable site
for a new rifle range on the Kow-
loon side which could be used by
the League teams and by the Volun-
teer Defence Corps was also dis-
cussed. It was agreed that this
matter should be referred to the
incoming committee.

The hope was expressed that the
proposed meeting would be well at-
tended by all those interested in
rifle shooting in order that Hong
Kong can once again participate
in the interport shoots and that in-
terest in shooting generally be re-
vived in the Colony.

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tification has been inaugurated in
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believed to operate for fairness both
to the police and the accused per-
sons.

Mr. Lemuel B. Schofield, director
of public safety, after witnessing
the operating of talking films in the
case of a man charged with homi-
cide, said he believed it is a distinct
departure and an advantage to the
protective agencies of society as
well as to those charged with violat-
ing social rules.

The case in point was that of a
man who expressed his willingness
to confess his guilt of a crime he
had committed a few days ago. He
was taken to the police identifica-
tion bureau and stood before a
camera where he was questioned by
Lieut. George J. Bentz and Inspec-
tor William Connolly. The accused
first gave his name, place of abode,
and the reason for his arrest. At
this juncture Inspector Connolly
informed him that everything he
said was being recorded and was of
his own volition, and that his state-
ment was subject to being used
against him in court.

The prisoner admitted that he was
aware of what he was doing and
that he was prepared to admit his
guilt without coercion or intima-
dation, then proceeded to relate the
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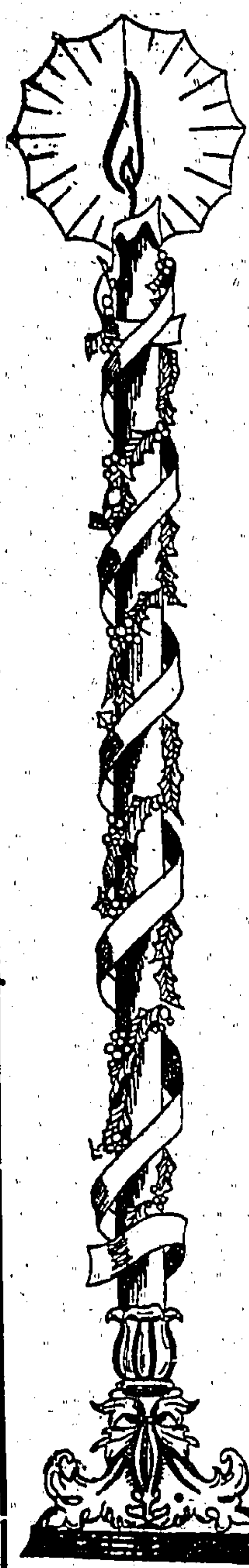
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CHRISTMAS PARTY.

AT THE CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL.

A very enjoyable entertainment was given yesterday by the pupils of the Central British School, Kowloon. Three short plays acted by the senior pupils were excellent and a very pretty effect was achieved by the bright and varied colours, and the decorated hall. Members of the band of the Somerset Light Infantry very kindly supplied the music, and were seated on a stage. This stage was subsequently the scene of the three plays and deserves a special mention. Everything—the carpentry, scene painting, curtain and stage decoration was the work of the pupils.

Mrs. R. T. Barrett judged the costumes and the prizes were awarded as follows:

For the best and prettiest girls' costume, Miss Azalia Reynolds.

For the most original girls' costume, Miss Mary Taylor.

For the best boys' costume, F. McNeill.

For the most original boys' costume, R. Egan.

The Plays.

The plays were all well acted.

A. Hynes scored a marked success as the talkative American in Galsworthy's "The Little Man," while Miss S. Bander certainly deserved the applause she won for her rendering of Susan Crowther in "Followers," a Cranford sketch by H. Brighouse, Lord Dunsany's "Night at an Inn" was an unqualified success, and in all three plays the words were clearly heard and the action good.

The Players.

The full casts of the three plays were as follows:

"THE LITTLE MAN,"

A Farical Morality by J. Galsworthy.

The Little Man B. Bickford.

The Mother Y. Langley.

The Englishman R. Woolley.

The Englishwoman A. Hynes.

The German Woman I. Woolley.

The American D. Hynes.

The Dutch Boy N. Whitley.

The Waiter A. Dinnen.

The Official J. Smith.

The Policeman I. Stirling.

Scene I—A Departure Platform of an Austrian Railway Station.

Scene II—A Railway Carriage.

Scene III—An Arrival Platform.

Time: 1913.

"FOLLOWERS,"

A Cranford Sketch by H. Brighouse.

Lucinda Baines B. Budden.

Helen Masters H. Wylie.

Charles Redfern I. Stirling.

Susan Crowther S. Bander.

Scene—The parlour of Miss Baines.

Time: June, 1859.

"A NIGHT AT AN INN,"

by Lord Dunsany.

A. E. Scott Fortescue (The Toff) R. Woolley.

William Jones (Bill) Merchant J. Smith.

Albert Thomas, Sailor B. Bickford.

Jacob Smith (Sniggers), Sailor D. Hynes.

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"No, No, Nanette"—Vocal Gems; Part 1 (Harbach, Caesar, Sears and Youmans), Part 2 (Caesar and Youmans), Columbia Vocal Gem Chorus with Orchestra.

"Il Bacio" (Arditi) and "Softly Awakes My Heart," from "Samson and Delilah" (Saint-Saens), The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

"M. Cinders"—Piano Selection, Part 1 and 2 (Ellis and Myers), Piano Solo by Billy Mayerl.

"Drake Goes West" (O'Reilly and Sanderson) and "King Charles" (Browning and W. V. White), Rex Palmer, Baritone.

"Love's Old Sweet Song" (J. L. Molloy) and "Poem" (Fibich), J. H. Squire, Celeste Octet.

"Mercenary Mary—They Still Look Good to Me" (Friedlander and Conrad), Lew. Hearn, and Chorus with Orchestra.

"Mercenary Mary—I'm a Little Bit Fonder of You" (Irving Caesar), Peggy O'Neil and A. W. Baskcomb with Orchestra.

"Lido Lady—Here in My Arms" and "Lido Lady—Atlantic Blues" (Hart and Rodgers), Phyllis Dare.

"Aldershot Searchlight Tattoo," Part 1, Bugles of H.M. Royal Horse Guards (Blanch and Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards).

"Aldershot Searchlight Tattoo," Part 2, Trumpeters of H.M. Royal Horse Guards (Blues) and Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

"Aldershot Searchlight Tattoo," Part 3, Pipe Band of H.M. Scots Guards.

"Aldershot Searchlight Tattoo," Part 4, Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards with Full Choir.

5.30 to 6 p.m.—Children's programme.

6 to 7 p.m.—Chinese programme.

7.45 p.m.—Evening weather report.

9 p.m.—Studio Concert.

(1) "Martini Moments," March Medley, The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards. (Columbia record supplied by Messrs. Anderson).

(2) Piano Synopses, Mr. G. W. True.

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10.40 p.m. (Approx.)—Close down.

Money and Markets

RUBBER.

MARKET FLUCTUATIONS.

Messrs. Pontreath & Co. have forwarded us the following letter, dated November 20, from Messrs. Hornby, Hemelryk & Co., Liverpool:—

Since our last report, the market has registered a further decline, and at one time Spot was selling at 7 1/2, but at this level a little interest was shown by manufacturers which, together with some short covering, caused a sharp reaction, and Spot has been dealt in up to 8 1/2.

Since this price was reached, there have been more fluctuations, but on Monday some steadiness was engendered in the expectation that the report of the Rubber Growers' Association Sub-Committee on "central selling" would be approved and consequently bring about an improvement in values.

We rather suspect that dealers were to some extent long of Rubber in this anticipation, and it was rather disappointing to the market yesterday to find that the contents of the report were not disclosed. It was argued from this that a workable scheme has not been evolved. At any rate, selling predominated yesterday, and prices have fallen away from the beet.

Consumption both in America and Europe has been better than anticipated, and shipments seem to be diminishing. No signs of a scarcity of Rubber are apparent, but native production seems to be falling off somewhat.

The market looks like settling down for some time to come at somewhere about the present levels. This in its turn will probably produce a more fluctuating market in which it may pay to take a short view of the market. We therefore recommend the purchase of next year's positions in dull markets for a turn of, say, 2d. to 3d.

Stocks:—London 50,000 tons, Liverpool 17,543 tons: total increase of 2,151 tons.

Close London last night: Spot 8 1/2, Jan./March 8 7/16d., April/June 8 11/16d., July/Sept. 8 15/16d., Oct./Dec. 8 3/16d., Jan./Dec. 1931 9 1/2d.

Our New York correspondents cabled last night that shorts are somewhat nervous. Our friends consider that the trend in the near future will depend on the outcome of the British and Dutch co-operative selling schemes.

Close New York last night: January 17.00c., March 17.70c., May 18.00c., September 18.50c.

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

The following passengers arrived by the s.s. Aki Maru, from Australia, yesterday:—Mr. G. N. Brown, Mrs. H. C. Brown, Prof. H. L. Clark, Mrs. F. L. S. Clark, Miss E. Clark, Mr. A. Williams, Mrs. L. Williams, Master A. Williams, Sister F. Guay, Sister van Oost, Mr. G. Murchie, Mr. M. Kishimoto, Mr. J. Matsudaira, Mr. H. Suzuki, Mr. Leon Sing, Mrs. Lam Yi Kew, Master Nam On, and Bishop J. Ross.

Aldershot Searchlight Tattoo.

Part 2, Trumpeters of H.M. Royal Horse Guards (Blues) and Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

Aldershot Searchlight Tattoo.

Part 3, Pipe Band of H.M. Scots Guards.

Aldershot Searchlight Tattoo.

Part 4, Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards with Full Choir.

5.30 to 6 p.m.—Children's programme.

6 to 7 p.m.—Chinese programme.

7.45 p.m.—Evening weather report.

9 p.m.—Studio Concert.

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EXCHANGE RATES.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUBBY, December 18.

Paris 123.025

Geneva 25.10

Berlin 20.385

Oslo 18.205

Helsingfors 19.11

Athens 375

Buenos Aires 542

Hong Kong 4.881

New York 4.881

Amsterdam 12.055

Stockholm 18.65

Vienna 24.66

Madrid 25.25

Bucharest 818

Roubaix 1/5 20/32

Yokohama 2/0 2/32

Brussels 34.865

Milan 32.26

Copenhagen 18.185

Prague 104 1/2

Lisbon 108.95

Rio 5 7/16

Shanghai 2 1/2

Silver:—

Spot 22 1/2

Forward 22 5/16

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Enfield—William Alfred Pite, 20, of Osborn Road, Brimsdown, Enfield, was crushed to death at the works of the North Metropolitan Power and Supply Company when a crane which he was driving fell on top of him.

Cyprus.—A deputation from Cyprus consisting of the Bishop Nicodemus of Kitium, M. S. Stavrinakis, and M. Zenon Rossides, secretary, have had a preliminary interview at the Colonial Office with Sir John Shuckburgh.

DAILY SHARE QUOTATIONS.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

THURSDAY, DEC. 19.

BANKS

H.K. Banks \$1,315

Do. (London) \$123

Chartered Banks \$183

Mercantile Bks. "A" \$204

Do. "C" \$154

Bank of East Asia \$95

INSURANCES

Canton Ins. \$630

Underwriters \$2,05

North China \$160

Union Ins. \$359

Yangtze Ins. \$60

China Fires \$310

H.K. Fires \$815

SHIPPING

Douglases \$24

Steamboats \$27 1/2

Indos (pref) \$50

Do. (def) \$80

Shell Transports \$100

Water-boats \$21 1/2

MINING

Benquets \$470

Kailans \$55

Langkats (comb) \$113.60

Do. (single) \$74

Explorations \$11.30

Shanghai Loans \$11.20

Raub's \$21

Tronoh Mines \$20

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

H.K. & K. Wharves \$141 1/2

Providents \$5.30

H.K. Docks \$33

Shanghai Docks \$2.95

New Engineering \$74

Hongkows \$1.90

HUMOUR: ANCIENT AND MODERN.

He was a very poor golfer, yet he had the nerve to ask the caddy how he liked his game.
"I still prefer golf, sir," said the caddy.

She: "Is your wife having any success in learning to drive the car?"
He: "Well, the road is beginning to turn when she does."

"Another new hat! How do you induce your husband to pay for them?"
"Quite simple—I go and see him at the office wearing the old thing I made myself."

"There are a number of letters here addressed to Jones, care of us. Do you know where to find him?"
"Er—no, sir, I don't."
"Write to him at once and tell him to send his address."

Explorer: "D'ye know, I once went about in South America for months with a price on my head!"
Hostess: "Dreadful! I know the feeling. I came home from a sale once with the price ticket on my hat!"

"I think, Harry," said Mrs. Barton, "I'll ask these new people next door to have dinner with us to-night."
"What for?" asked her husband.

"Well, the butcher left their meat here by mistake, and it seems only fair."

A father had been in the habit of warning his little daughter regarding her conduct during the day as he left home each morning. One morning as he kissed the little girl and said: "Now be a good little girl."
With an expectant smile she added: "And don't what?"

"When Jim tried to kiss me I was so astounded that I nearly—" "Nearly what?"
"Nearly stopped him."

"I did what I could, Tony—I told her you had more money than sense."
"What did she say?"
"She asked if you had any money!"

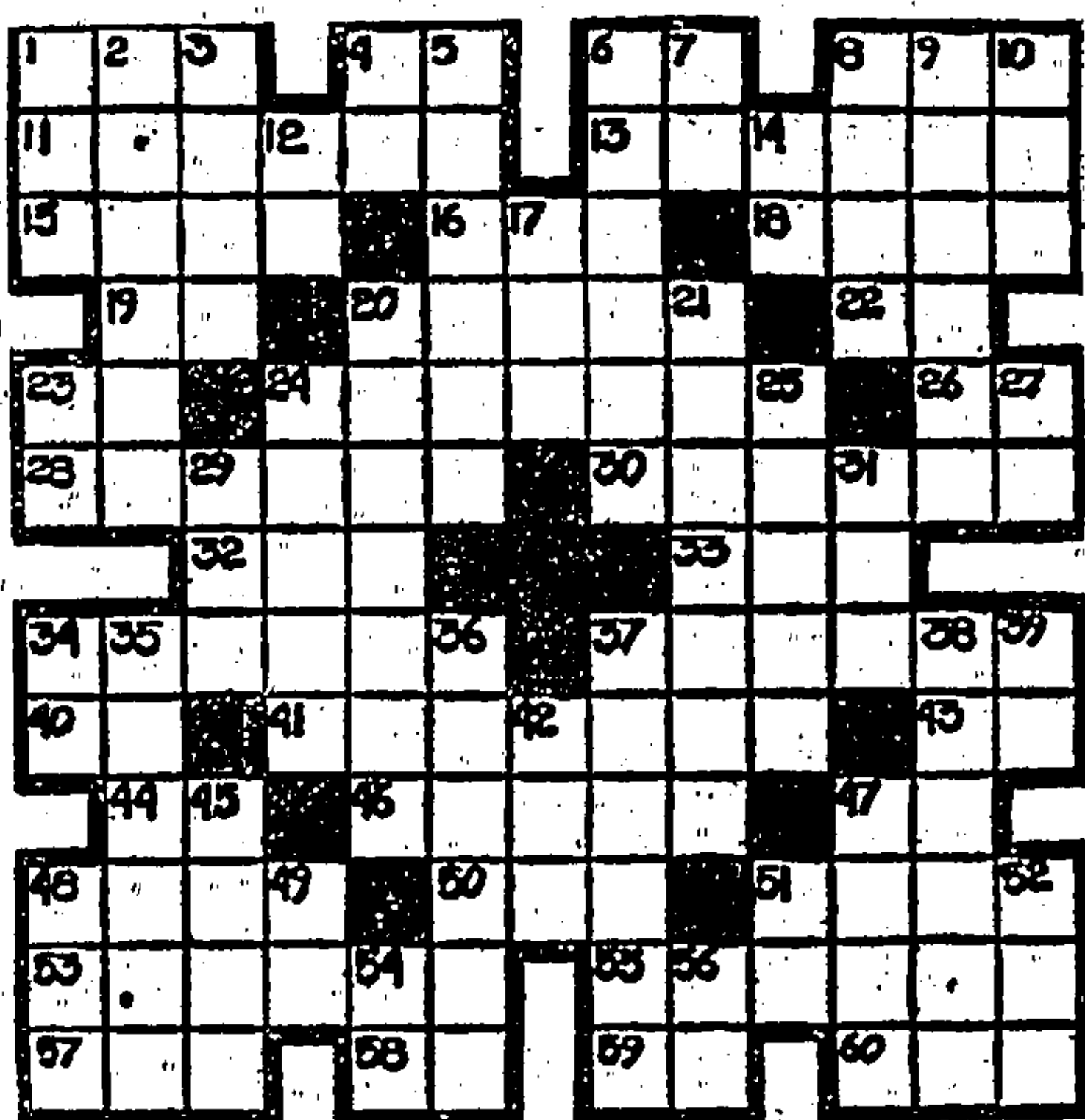
Father: "Did you peel that apple before eating it, as I told you?"
Jimmy: "Yes, Dad."
Father: "What did you do with the peel?"
Jimmy: "I ate it after I had finished the apple."

"I'm afraid your husband is beyond help," said the doctor to the wife. "I can give no hope."
"Here you," came a voice from the bed, "I haven't snuffed out yet."
"Keep quiet, dearie," answered the wife. "Leave it to the doctor; he knows best."

Naughty Tommy had escaped from his angry mother, and hid himself under his bed. When father returned, she sent him upstairs with a birch. Father stooped down by the bed, and a voice underneath the bed exclaimed: "Hallo, father: Come under! In she after you, too!"

Sandy was engaged to a girl who a few days before her nineteenth birthday had her hair bobbed. All her girl friends congratulated her on her improved appearance, and it was therefore without any misgivings that she showed herself to her sweetheart. But Sandy viewed her with grave disapproval. "It's hard on me, lassie," said, "verra hard: After I've just bought ye a packet o' hairpins for your birthday."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal.

- 1.—To urge.
- 4.—Musical note.
- 6.—Thus.
- 8.—To stroke.
- 11.—Kept aloft.
- 12.—To deliver a sermon.
- 13.—To tie.
- 16.—Welsh river.
- 18.—Small rodents.
- 19.—Pronoun.
- 20.—Papal documents.
- 22.—Negative.
- 23.—Aloft.
- 24.—Angler's feathers.
- 26.—Egyptian god.
- 28.—Descendant of Shem.
- 30.—Berates.
- 32.—Skill.
- 33.—To regret.
- 34.—Part of door.
- 37.—Cylindrical.
- 40.—Bone.
- 41.—Goes away.
- 43.—By.
- 44.—3,1416.
- 46.—Painful spots.
- 47.—Exists.
- 48.—Capacity measure.
- 50.—Operated.
- 51.—To sit for portrait.
- 53.—Covered passage.
- 55.—Sliding compartment.
- 57.—Meadow.
- 58.—Plural ending.
- 59.—Compass point.
- 60.—Wing like part.

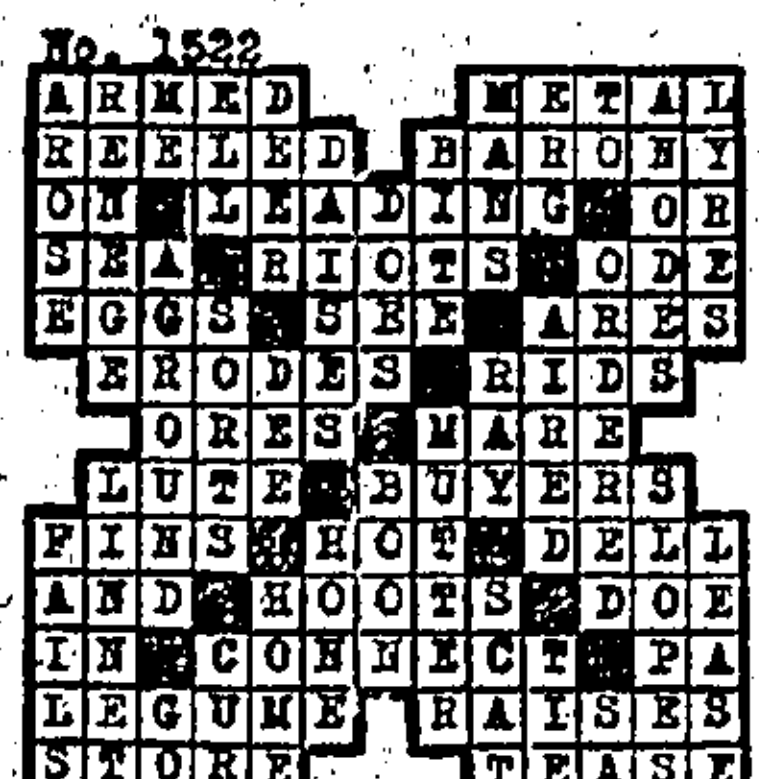
Vertical.

- 1.—To recede.
- 2.—A chemist's.
- 3.—Departed.
- 4.—French article.
- 5.—To cite.
- 6.—Trance.
- 7.—Conjunction.
- 8.—Ache.
- 9.—Agreement.
- 10.—Article.

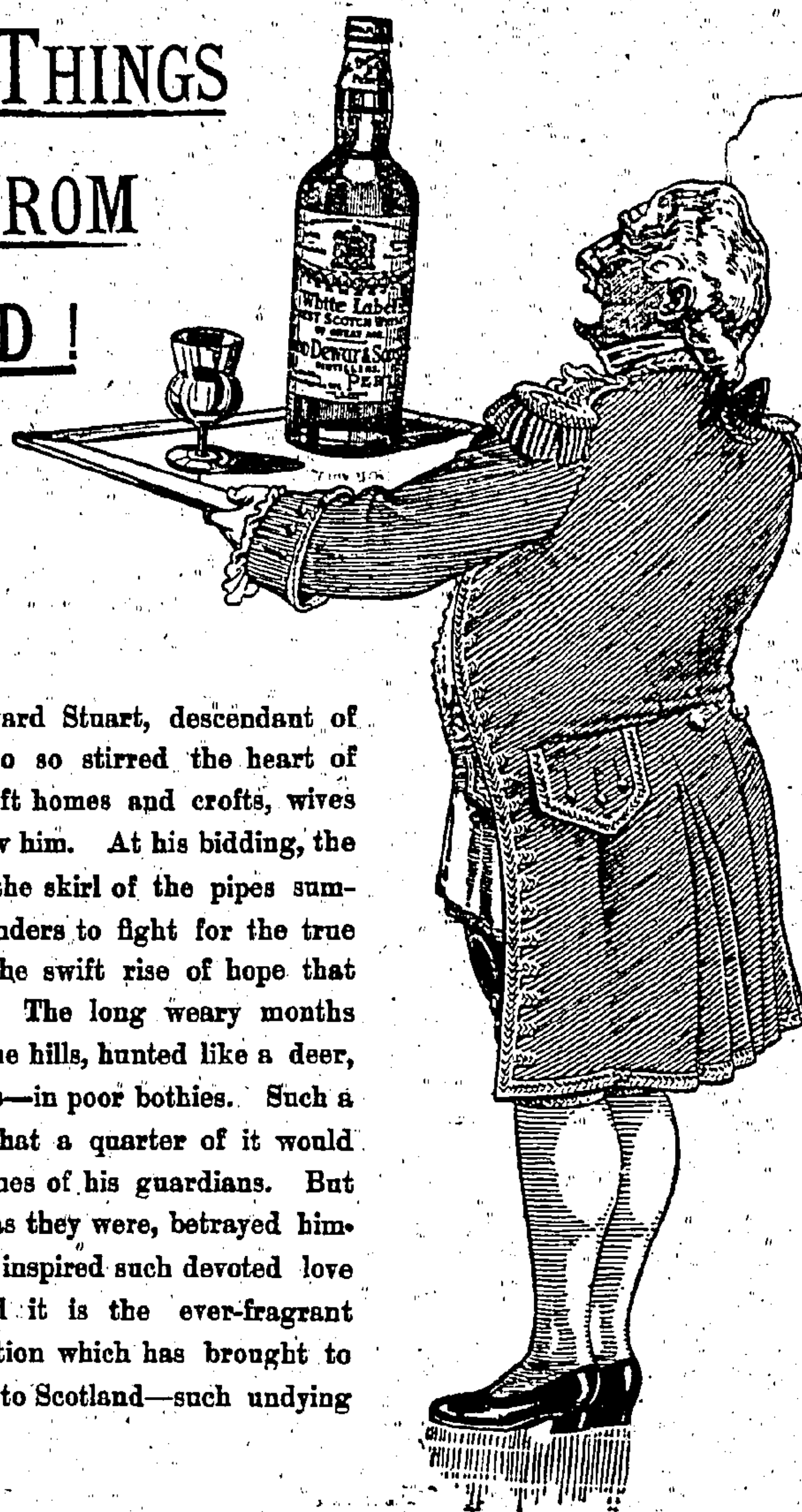
- 14.—Type measure.
- 17.—Large deer.
- 20.—Fights.
- 21.—Things not to be known.
- 23.—Plural pronoun.
- 24.—Employed.
- 25.—Loses sweetness.
- 27.—While.
- 28.—Human.
- 31.—Shelter.
- 34.—Italian river.
- 35.—To him high.
- 36.—Flower germs.
- 37.—Tendencies.
- 38.—Pendant ornament.
- 39.—Latin for and.
- 42.—A constellation.
- 43.—Ancient Peruvian.
- 47.—One of the United States.
- 48.—Churn.
- 49.—Symbol for tantalum.
- 51.—Father.
- 52.—Age.
- 54.—Prefix: down.
- 56.—Prefix: again.

This puzzle took 23 minutes to solve. See how long it will take you to solve it.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



HOW PROFOUNDLY TRUE IT IS—

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LAST BOAST OF A ROBBER CHIEF.

"I HAVE BEEN KING"

CHARM THAT SWAYED A NATION.

The remarkable life story of Bacha-Saquo, the water-carrier, who deposed Amanullah as King of Afghanistan, told by himself to the captain of the escort which was taking him to his trial and ultimate execution in Kabul has just been published.

It demonstrates the utter fearlessness of this former robber chief in the face of death, and his profound belief in the destiny prophesied for him by a mullah, or native priest.

"Ever since I was a little boy," he said, "I loved the life of desperadoes."

"It was in the villages of the Khyber that the mullah gave me a magic charm, telling me that, one day I would be king, and that, so long as he lived I would bear a charmed life. Thus armed with confidence I sought a soldier's job in the Afghan army. My marksmanship soon earned me the highest reward, and I went to India with the Afghan peace delegation."

"On my return to Kabul I was discharged, but I looked at my charm. Some day I shall be a king, I said. Then, because of my marksmanship, a local brigand found in me a useful recruit."

"We Did Not Fear Death."
"For months, nay, for years we pounced upon the caravans from Turkistan, relieved the rich of their wealth, and helped the poor. Ultimately I assumed the leadership of the brigand gang."

"I carried on the work so successfully that we used to extract taxes from the caravans, and actually grant receipts with our compliments to Amanullah. The king's men dare not touch us, for we did not fear death."

"Then Amanullah and his wife went to Europe, and returned. They all saw what he had seen, as he brought magic-films with him; and we said, it was bad, and so did also the mullahs and the peasants."

"When the revolt of the Shinwaris began, my star rose high; and before sundown two thousand of my well armed men were following me to help the revolutionaries. We surrounded the house of the governor of Jalalabad."

"I stepped alone into the room of the governor. He was sipping his green tea. 'May peace not be upon thee,' I spoke, covering him

with revolvers in both my hands; and, tied him up to the leg of his iron safe."

"Then I took up the receiver of the telephone. 'Give me Alla Huzrat at Kabul.'—Yes, the King's own number at the palace. A voice spoke from Kabul. O! had not I heard that roar a thousand times in the palace grounds!"

"I said that it was the governor of the province who was speaking to report that I had captured the gang of Bacha-Saquo, and what was to be done with the bandit chief?"

"Shoot him, like the dog he is!" came the reply. "Ha, ha!" I chuckled in my beard. "It is just as well to know how much I am loved at Court!"

"Within three days I was shelling the capital; Amanullah had fled, his troops were joining us every day in large numbers. I was king! My entry into Kabul realised my wildest dreams. That day amid the glory of it I would have gladly perished."

His Buried Hoard.

"I found some of the gold and jewels as old as the time of Amir Abdur Rahman. I used much of it to pay my soldiers. Gold and silver in sacks were packed on camels, and every night I sent from twelve to fifteen camel loads to the valley of Punishair, and even beyond, to be buried for exigencies."

"They are there still at the sign of the four camels, but it would take more than cutting my limbs to make me say where that sign is! Perhaps they will lie there for ever! One other only knew the secret—and he is dead!"

"When I found that the clans could not be persuaded to accept me as king, I married a sister of Queen Souriya, thinking that, by establishing a royal connection, my position would be secure."

"It was without avail, but worst of all, the mullah who had given me the charm died; and my star began to set."

"Well, I have been a king, and the adventure of my life is finished, and now whether I live or die matters nothing, for I have reached the heights of kings, which is only next to the height of Allah's throne; more than this, man can not attain!"

EXTENSIVE RAIDS ON
"BOOT-LEGGERS."

LARGE SEIZURES IN NEW YORK STATE.

The United States Government recently won its biggest battle against "boot-leggers" by simultaneously executing raids against 35 bases of the rum-running "ring" which has been bringing into the metropolitan district a million dollars' worth of imported liquor weekly.

The raids were made along a front of 100 miles from Atlantic City, New Jersey, to Sag Harbour, Long Island, by 130 special Treasury agents and deputy marshals of the State police. They resulted in the arrest of 32 persons and the seizure of an unlicensed wireless station, a fortified mansion, a suite of offices in New York City, a score of landing stations along the coast, a number of storage plants for liquor, a great quantity of rifles, sub-machine-guns, sawed-off shotguns, pistols, ammunition, and tear gas bombs.

The preparation for the raids began six months ago, when an inspector for the Federal Wireless Commission reported the existence somewhere near New York of an unlicensed wireless station which habitually sent out its messages in code. The messages were deciphered and the code learned, and the Treasury Department was informed of the discovery. Thereafter, every message this station sent out was recorded. Meanwhile, experts practised with the code until they were as fluent in it as the unknown operator himself.

A Big Ring.

The information secured by the Treasury through these wireless messages was invaluable in its preparation for its attack on the "ring." The Department learned from them that the sources of supply for the distributors of smuggled liquor were six vessels which operated between St. Pierre, Miquelon, and Bermuda. These vessels discharged their cargoes at favourable opportunities into speed boats outside New York Harbour, which landed them on the coast at definitely named points. Thence

they were transferred in motor-lorries to permanent storage points, which were likewise named in the messages, and to a number of road-houses and wayside inns which served as temporary storage places. The central business office of the "ring" was learned to be in Forty-third-street, New York.

Four o'clock was the hour set for the attack. Precisely at that moment the bulk of the landing places, offices, and storerooms of the "ring" while others served upon a dozen banks in New Jersey and New York subpoenas requiring them to produce the accounts of some 20 suspected persons. They were armed with warrants for 35 men who had been secretly indicted for violation of the prohibition laws by a special Grand Jury in Trenton, New Jersey. They dragged, missed 23 of the indicted persons, but, as an offset, they captured 21 others who had not yet been indicted, including two of the most notorious "boot-leggers" in the country.

Wireless Seized.

The raiders came upon the wireless station in the Atlantic highlands, close to New York, at the very moment when the operator was sending out one of his code messages. Before he could give a warning he was thrust from his seat and a Government expert, using the same code, sent out messages which brought one of the largest supply ships into the reach of a Revenue cutter. Meanwhile, five miles back in the country, on a hilltop, other agents forced their way into a pretentious mansion, fortified against possible attacks of "hi-jackers," and armed like a blockhouse. In the cupola of the house they found telescopes fixed on stands, so as to command a wide stretch of land and sea. Under the armory on the ground floor was a storage vault containing many cases of liquor, and in a cave close at hand there were more similar cases.

Douai.—The Court at Douai has authorized the extradition to Italy of Mr. Manzi Pa, a naturalized British subject of Italian origin, who is charged with misappropriation of funds. The accused man was formerly manager of the Banco Italiano in Rome.

STYLES CHANGE, BUT HUSBANDS DON'T

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



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DECEMBER 19, 1929.														DECEMBER 19, 1928.													
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Hokodate	"	29.88	759.0	WNW	WNW	1	5	29.93	761.5	WNW	WNW	1	5	...					
Tokio	"	29.78	756.5	N	N	1	5	29.94	760.5	SW	SW	1	5	...					
Kochi	"	29.90	759.3	...	...	WSW	WSW	1	...	...	5	29.94	760.5	...	...	E	E	1	...	...	5	...
Nagasaki	"	30.05	764.0	...	...	N	N	0	...	...	5	30.04	763.0	...	...	...	...	0	...	...	5	...
Kagoshima	"	30.02	762.5	...	...	NW	NW	1	...	...	5	30.02	762.5	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	5	...
Oshima	"	30.06	763.5	...	...	N	N	1	...	...	5	30.04	763.0	...	...	N	N	1	...	...	5	...
Naha	"	30.10	764.3	...	...	N	N	1	...	...	5	30.04	763.0	...	...	NE	NE	1	...	...	5	...
Ishigakijima	"	30.10	764.3	...	...	E	E	3	...	...	5	30.00	762.0	...	...	ENE	ENE	1	...	...	5	...
Bonin Island	"	29.92	760.0	...	...	WNW	WNW	1	...	...	5	29.94	760.5	...	...	...	...	0	...	...	5	...
Chefoo	15	30.40	772.1	26	100	NNE	NNE	6	r	...	6	29.39	771.9	26	100	NNW	NNW	4	...	...	6	...			
Shanghai	14	30.21	767.4	41	94	NNE	NNE	2	r	...	7	30.17	766.2	43	100	NNE	NNE	2	r	...	7	...					
Gutzlaff	"	30.22	767.6	46	100	NNE	NNE	2	r	...	7	30.16	766.0	47	100	NNE	NNE	4	r	...	7	...					
Sharp Peak	"	30.02	762.5	60	82	N	N	1	o	...	6	30.03	766.7	60	88	N	N	1	o	...	6	...					
Amoy	"	30.02	762.5	68	79	SSE	SSE	4	o	...	6	30.03	762.7	62	91	ENE	ENE	4	o	...	6	...					
Swatow	"	29.94	760.5	65	90	E	E	2	o	...	5	30.01	762.2	63	95	NE	NE	2	o	...	5	...					
Taihou	11	30.10	764.4	78	75	NNE	NNE	4	b	...	5	29.98	761.4	61	...	N	N	0	...	...	5	...			
Taihu	"	30.08	764.1	73	...	NW	NW	2	o	...	5	29.98	761.4	61	...	N	N	0	...	...	5	...			
Taiwan	"	30.04	762.9	79	...	N	N	4	b	...	5	29.94	760.5	72	...	N	N	0	...	...	5	...			
Koshu	"	30.02	762.6	77	...	NNE	NNE	4	b	...	5	29.93	760.2	72	...	NE	NE	4	b	...	5	...					
Pescadores	"	30.08	764.1	72	...	NNE	NNE	4	b	...	5	29.94	760.5	68	...	NE	NE	4	b	...	5	...					
Hong Kong	14	29.94	760.5	69	86	E	E	4	o	...	6	29.90	759.4	67	93	E	E	3	o	...	6	...					
Gap Rock	"	29.92	759.9	...	...	ENE	ENE	4	b	...	5	29.89	759.2	...	...	SE	SE	4	b	...	5	...	
Macao	"	29.92	759.9	70	87	SE	SE	4	o	...	5	29.86	758.4	68	98	SE	SE	4	o	...	5	...					
Hoihow	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...
Pratas Island	"	29.94	760.5	79	79	E	E	3	bc	...	5	29.90	759.4	74	90	ESE	ESE	1	bc	...	5	...					
Phulien	15	29.82	757.5	73	89	SE	SE	6	o	...	7	29.84	757.8	72	93	S	S	4	o	...	7	...					
Tourane	"	29.87	758.7	77	...	SSE	SSE	2	b	...	5	29.87	758.7	70	...	S	S	4	b	...	5	...					
Cape St. James	"	29.85	758.1	79	...	ENE	ENE	6	o	...	5	29.87	758.7	73	...	ENE	ENE	4	o	...	5	...					
Basco	14	29.92	759.9	81	66	NE	NE	2	o	...	6	29.91	760.3	73	85	ESE	ESE	4	o	...	6	...					
Aparri	"	29.89	759.3	82	81	ENE	ENE	2	b	...	5	29.91	759.6	70	92	N	N	0	b	...	5	...					
Tuguegarao	"	29.87	758.7	84	64	NNE	NNE	1	o	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...
Vigan	"	29.81	757.2	82	57	WNW	WNW	2	b	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...
Manila	"	29.84	757.8	81	76	WSW	WSW	2	o	...	5	29.87	758.7	72	94	NNE	NNE	1	o	...	5	...					
Legaspi	"	29.84	757.8	79	91	NNE	NNE	2	e	...	5	29.84	757.8	75	94	N	N	1	e	...	5	...					
Calbayog	"	29.81	757.2	86	58	NNE	NNE	4	b	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...
Tacloban	"	29.81	757.2	86	58	NNE	NNE	4	b	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...
Iloilo	"	29.80	756.9	82	63	NE	NE	4	o	...	5	29.82	757.5	73	91	NE	NE	4	o	...	5	...					
Cebu	"	29.79	756.6	86	52	NE	NE	4	o	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...
Surigao	"	29.80	756.9	82	84	N	N	1	o	...	5	29.81	757.2	72	98	...	...	0	...	...	5	...	
Saipan	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	29.74	755.4	75	...	NE	NE	3	...	...	5	...
Guam	12.22	29.71	754.5	...	...	NE	NE	6	o	4.22	5	29.71	754.5	...	...	NE	NE	6	o	...	5	...	
Yap	11.00	29.73	755.1	...	...	NE	NE	4	o	...	5	29.75	755.7	...	...	NE	NE	4	o	...	5	...	
Pelew	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	29.76	755.9	78	...	NE	NE	2	bc	...	5	...
Ponape	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	29.77	756.1	76	...	...	...	0	...	...	5	...
Labuan	14	29.79	766.6	88	69	NE	NE	2	b	...	6	29.84	767.9	80	91	SW	SW	4	b	...	6	...					

December 19d. 10A. 59m.—A strong anticyclone is central over S.E. Mongolia.

Depressions are shown over N. Indo-China and to the S.E. of Guam.

Moderate monsoon over the N. China Sea and along the S.E. coast of China; coastal fog.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.06 inch. Total since January 1, 69.57 inches, against an average of 82.66 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON DECEMBER 20.

DISTRICT.

FORECAST.

- 1.—Formosa Channel ... E. winds, moderate; generally fair, some fog.
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamoo ... E. winds, moderate; generally fair, some fog.
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock ... E. winds, moderate; generally fair, some fog.
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan ... E. winds, moderate; generally fair, some fog.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 19.

	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer...	29.94	29.98	29.83
Temperature	67	68	70
Humidity ...	90	92	89
Wind—			
Direction	E	N	E
Force ...	4	3	3
Weather ...	OD	OM	OM
Rain ...	0.00	0.0	0.08



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17 Days Hong Kong-Vancouver, 14 Days Shanghai-Vancouver		11 Days Kobe-Vancouver, 9 Days Yokohama-Vancouver	
Hong Kong	Shanghai	Kobe	Yokohama
Leave	Arrive	Leave	Arrive
EMPRESS OF CANADA Jan. 15	Jan. 18	Jan. 21	Jan. 23
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA Feb. 12	Feb. 15	Feb. 18	Feb. 20
EMPRESS OF ASIA Mar. 8	Mar. 11	Mar. 14	Mar. 16
EMPRESS OF CANADA Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 11	Apr. 13
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA May 2	May 5	May 8	May 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA Jun. 19	Jun. 22	Jun. 25	Jun. 27
EMPRESS OF CANADA Jul. 10	Jul. 13	Jul. 16	Jul. 18
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA Aug. 7	Aug. 10	Aug. 13	Aug. 15
EMPRESS OF ASIA Sep. 24	Sep. 27	Sep. 30	Oct. 2
EMPRESS OF CANADA Oct. 11	Oct. 14	Oct. 17	Oct. 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA Nov. 8	Nov. 11	Nov. 14	Nov. 16
EMPRESS OF ASIA Dec. 25	Dec. 28	Dec. 31	Jan. 2

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Jan. 12, 5 p.m.	Jan. 15	EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Jan. 15

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SUWA MARU ... Saturday, 28th Dec.

FUSHIMI MARU ... Saturday, 11th Jan.

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TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 25th Dec.

AKI MARU ... Wednesday, 22nd Jan.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

TOTTORI MARU ... Friday, 27th Dec.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,

Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

ANYO MARU ... Sunday, 22nd Dec.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape

Town & Ports.

KAMAKURA MARU ... Thursday, 2nd Jan.

NEW YORK, BOSTON via PANAMA.

TATSUNO MARU ... Tuesday, 14th Jan.

LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Constantinople, Genoa &

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CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

AKITA MARU ... Sunday, 23rd Dec.

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Shipping News Daily Statement, Waterfront News, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 15,000 TONS;
THROUGH CARGO
22,300 TONS.

Cargo returns shown at the Harbour Office during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday by vessels arriving in Hong Kong were as follows:—

British	Cargo for	Through
Tallybuis	H.K.	Porta
Linan, Canton	—	210
Namsang, Osaka	1,110	520
Athel Prince, San Pedro	5,000	—
Suiyang, Shanghai	500	1,330
Chongshing, Tientsin	1,240	480
Antung, Singapore	450	—
Beltana, Otaru	—	9,000
Alipore, Kobe	—	2,700
		13,290—14,240
German		
Havelland, Hamburg	1,180	6,230
		1,180—6,230
Japanese		
Aki Maru, Melbourne	610	1,860
		610—1,860
Total	15,070	22,300

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

British	Arr.	Dep.
American	9	7
German	1	0
Japanese	1	3
Chinese	2	2
Norwegian	0	1
Portuguese	0	1
Total	14	15

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

Linan (Br.) Canton	92
Namsang (Br.) Osaka, Amoy	207
Suiyang (Br.) Shanghai and Swatow	153
Antung (Br.) Singapore, and Amoy	22
Lee Cheung (Ch.) Shantou	104
Total	520

CLEARANCES

December 19.

Aki Maru, for Nagsaki.
Angers, for Shanghai.
Archers, for Panama.
Cheong Shing, for Canton.
Deli Maru, for Swatow.
Holds, for Saigon.
Hydrangea, for Swatow.
Kanchow, for Canton.
Linan, for Amoy.
Ravnefjell, for Chenwangtao.
Seang Bee, for Amoy.
Sumatra Maru, from Singapore.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

DEATH AT SEA.

The master of the s.s. Ahtung, Captain J. A. McCulloch, reports that while the vessel was on her way to Swatow from Singapore on the 14th instant, a quartermaster died, and was taken ashore at Swatow for burial.

West River Open to Shipping.

Information has been received by the Harbour Master that the West River is open to traffic as far as Shuiking.

The master of the Sumatra Maru (Captain Shimura) for Moji reports "Severe north easterly moonsoon in the Eastern Sea."

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following ships were in harbour yesterday:—

Wharves.—Kowloon: Angers, Aki Maru, Sumatra Maru; Socony—Laichikok: Standard Arrow; O.S.K.: Deli Maru, Canton Maru; Docks.—Kowloon: Kutsang, Tai Lee, Sui Tai, Hang Sang, Argonauta, Venezia, Hinsang, Taikeo; Taiwan, Sinkiang, Kiangsu, Taiyo Maru; Cosmopolitan: Haihing; Buys.—At Alipore, A.S. Anyo Maru, A.S. Chinese Prince, A.T. Tjisondari, A.S. Tjikembang, A.G. Tallybuis, B7 Nam Sang, A.S. Seang Bee, A10 Archer, B11 Kingchew, C17 Hiram, A24 Cremer, A25 Mortana, B32 Footing, C33 Chongshing, B43 Linan, C37 Kueichow, B38 Song Bo, C39 Bremerhaven, C40 Prominent, C41 Haldia; C43 Dux, C45 Bornea, C48 Antung, B51 Storviken.

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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All Claims must be sent to the Under- signed before Friday, the 27th December, 1929, or they will not be recognized. Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Godard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Monday, the 23rd December, 1929. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

L. LESDOS, Agent.

Hong Kong, 18th Dec., 1929. [8771]

ARRIVALS.

December 18.

Angers, French str., 15,500 tons, Capt. Frumeryer, from Marseilles, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.
Nam Sang, British str., 2,501 tons, Capt. F. Mooney, from Amoy, buoy No. B7.—J. M. & Co.
Sumatra Maru, Japanese str., 5,863 tons, Capt. G. Shimura, from Moji, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.
Tallybuis, British str., 6,514 tons, Capt. G. A. Flynn, from Miki, buoy No. A6.—B. & S.

December 19.

Aki Maru, Japanese str., 6,022 tons, Capt. K. Harashina, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.
Canton, French str., 978 tons, Capt. F. Morvan, from Haiphong, buoy No. B36.—M. M. & Co.
Clara Jeben, Danish str., 1,143 tons, Capt. J. Daviden, from Saigon, buoy No. C35.—Chang Tong Ha.
Helikon, British str., 1,214 tons, Capt. W. Anderson, from Saigon, buoy No. C47.—Wo. Fat Sing.

Ichang, British str., 1,214 tons, Capt. E. D. Penhale, from Hoihow, buoy No. C44.—B. & S.
Kanchow, British str., 1,222 tons, Capt. C. E. Fisher, from Amoy, buoy No. B12.—B. & S.
Linan, British str., 1,958 tons, Capt. W. J. Larier, from Canton, buoy No. B34.—B. & S.
Michael Jeben, Danish str., 1,343 tons, Capt. H. Ipland, from Swatow, buoy No. C15.—Chiui Sang Hong.
Ravnefjell, Norwegian str., 1,420 tons, Capt. C. J. Tenneloss, from Canton, buoy No. B50.—Dodwell & Co.

Tjisondari, Dutch str., 5,019 tons, Capt. P. Weide, from Amoy, buoy No. A4.—J.C.I.L.
Wing Wo, Portuguese str., 495 tons, Capt. I. de Lemos, from K. C. Wan, buoy No. C42.—Chup Yick S.S. Co.

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All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Vessel's Godown, and all General Cargo remaining undelivered after the 24th December, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Vessel must be presented to the Under- signed on or before the 7th January, 1930, or they will not be recognized.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

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"MALWA"	10,980	21st Dec, Noon	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	25th Dec, 1930	Mars., Ldon, Hull, B'g, B'dm & A'warp [A'warp]
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	4th Jan.	B'ham, Mars. & Ldon.
"KALYAN"	9,144	11th Jan. (Mars.)	Ldon, Hull, B'g, B'dm & A'warp.
"KHYBER"	9,114	18th Jan.	Mars., London, B'dm & A'warp.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	22nd Jan.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"KHYBER"	9,114	29th Jan.	Ldon, Hull, B'g, B'dm & A'warp.
"MANTUA"	10,946	1st Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KARMALA"	9,128	15th Feb.	Mars., Ldon, Hull, B'g, B'dm & A'warp.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	19th Feb.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	1st Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	8th Mar. (Mars.)	Ldon, Hull, B'g, B'dm & A'warp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	15th Mar.	Mars., Ldon, Hull, B'g, B'dm & A'warp.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	22nd Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	29th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	10th May	Mars., Ldon, B'dm & A'warp.
"MANTUA"	10,946	24th May	Bombay, Mars. & London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	31st May (Mars.)	Ldon, Hull, B'g, B'dm & A'warp.
"KHYBER"	9,114	7th June	Marseilles & London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	21st June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.

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"TALAMBA"	8,018	7th Jan.	do.
"TARADA"	8,949	19th Jan.	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	28th Jan.	do.
"SHIRALA"	7,841	6th Feb.	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,935	18th Feb.	do.
"TILAWA"	10,006	3rd Mar.	do.

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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong	Destination
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	2nd Jan., 1930	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday
"NELLORE"	6,853	31st Jan.	Manila, Sandakan, Friday
"TANDA"	6,856	28th Feb.	Manila, Sandakan, Saturday

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

SHIPS TO DEPART FOR HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI			
"KHIVA"	8,135	21st Dec., Noon	Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TAKADA"	8,949	27th Dec.	Amoy, Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"MUNZAPORE"	6,515	28th Dec., 6 a.m.	Moji & Kobe.
1920			
"MANTUA"	10,946	3rd Jan.	Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NELLORE"	6,853	7th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"TALMA"	10,000	7th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	10th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,128	17th Jan.	Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"SHIRALA"	7,841	18th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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"TILAWA"	10,006	10th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KALYAN"	9,144	14th Feb.	Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"RAJPUTANI"	10,980	25th Feb.	Sh'hai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,650	14th Mar.	Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
"RAJPUTANA"	10,568	28th Mar.	Sh'hai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KHYBER"	9,114	5th Apr.	Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	10th Apr.	do.
"MANTUA"	10,946	25th Apr.	do.
"KHIVA"	8,135	5th May	do.
"RANPURA"	16,601	23rd May	do.
"KARMALA"	9,128	6th June	do.
"MOREA"	10,854	20th June	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	3rd July	do.
"RAJPUTANA"	10,568	18th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Y'hama.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	31st July	Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe, & Yokohama.
"MANTUA"	10,946	15th Aug.	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	25th Aug.	do.
"MALWA"	10,650	12th Sept.	do.
"KALYAN"	9,135	5th Sept.	do.

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